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Former diplomat Peck speaks on foreign policy

BY JENNY LU
Staff Reporter

"I have a sense of humor, and those of you who are familiar with the Foreign Service will recognize that that is a shattering heavy burden to drag through the career in the diplomatic service," said Edward Peck to an audience of local residents, Kenyon students and faculty. The former ambassador to Iraq and father of Heather Peck, an '81 Kenyon grad, gave a talk entitled "America in the Middle East" last Thursday night at Rosse Hall.

According to information provided by Activists United, Peck served as the United States Chief of Mission to Iraq in the 1980's and also carried out diplomatic functions in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt and Mauritania. His job experience includes having been Coordinator of Covert Intelligence Programs at the State Department, Deputy Director of the Cabinet

Task Force on Terrorism at the White House under President Reagan, Liaison Officer to the Joint Chiefs of Staff as well as Fellow at the Institute for Higher Defense Studies at the Pentagon. A commentator on Middle East issues for television networks,

Peck is also a consultant, lecturer and trainer for governmental and educational institutions.

"Nothing that I say to you tonight requires that you accept it," said Peck. "I want to lay out something for you to think

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Agresto discusses recent tenure in Iraq

BY BRYAN STOKES II
Editor-In-Chief

More than 25 years have passed since John Agresto was fired from Kenyon's political science faculty, but Agresto was very candid about the reasons for his departure from Kenyon during his lecture in Rosse Hall this past

Monday.

"I was a troublemaker and I had to leave," said Agresto. "[Distinguished Professor of History Roy] Wortman and I used to chew tobacco and spit it in a tin can at faculty meetings, just to annoy all of the health nuts on the faculty. One year I remember I didn't wear socks to graduation, which brought about a whole new edict from the administration about proper dress at academic functions."

Agresto, who has worked in both government and academia, has held a number of posts, including president of Saint John's College in New Mexico, acting director of the National Endowment for the Humanities and most recently as senior advisor of higher education and scientific research for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq. His recent lecture, entitled "Eyewitness Iraq", focused on his experiences during nine months in Iraq.

A supporter of the Iraq war, Agresto's experiences have also made him an informed critic of some aspects of the war effort. "I witnessed

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A FAMILY AFFAIR



Kevin Guckes

Calloway Scott '07 performs before a crowd at the ALSO coffeehouse held last weekend. The coffeehouse was one of many activities that entertained visiting families of students for Family Weekend 2004.

Senate candidate Fingerhut makes tour stop at Kenyon

BY ERIC FITZGERALD
Sports Editor

With 189 hours remaining before polls closed, Ohio senatorial candidate Eric Fingerhut pulled into Gambier Monday night and made his way into the Lower Dempsey Lounge with a late message to his supporters: "In order to get the Republicans out of office, you need to tell everyone you know, if there's someone who might still be unsure, you got to get them to vote for change."

Fingerhut is currently a member of the Ohio State Senate as a representative from Cuyahoga Falls. He began a final push for the senatorial race earlier Monday in Columbus. Entering Lower Dempsey at 10:30 p.m., Fingerhut had begun his 200-city campaign stomp around Ohio a mere 11 hours earlier. While many national critics have called the race between Fingerhut and incumbent George Voinovich an

almost certain victory for Voinovich, Fingerhut directed his index finger at his audience and made a plea for support.

Fingerhut asked supporters to talk to voters they knew who were still undecided. The most sufficient endorsement of candidates, he said, was word of mouth.

Following his ten-minute speech, Fingerhut made his way around Lower Dempsey to shake his supporters' hands. He did not disappoint a group of students who were interested in hearing why he included Gambier on his itinerary.

"I love it here. Kenyon is a great place. It's the best school in Ohio!" he said.

Daniel Barich '05 was instrumental in getting the candidate to visit Gambier. Fingerhut originally planned to stop in Mount Vernon Monday night, but Barich and the Kenyon Democrats thought Gambier would be an ideal stop for the candidate.

"Since we knew he'd be coming in so late, we thought Gambier would be better, because all the students are normally still awake," Barich said. "It worked out, a lot of people showed up."

Standing outside his caravan while his driver mingled with the crowd, Fingerhut stated the differences between his campaign and that of the incumbent Voinovich.

"I know he's spending a lot of money on television advertisements," Fingerhut said. "We're really trying to get out there and reach people everywhere. We'll be working around the clock."

After acknowledging Gambier and the large student population as a stronghold for his campaign, Fingerhut explained that he had no problem with out-of-state students voting for Ohio seats.

"I think it's all right if students want to participate in Ohio's elections. We love having their support

see FINGERHUT, page four

Trustees to consider giving laptops to students

BY JEFF FORCE
Staff Reporter

Over the last six months, a task force of faculty, staff and students have been studying the concept of providing school-owned laptop computers to every Kenyon student.

"The result could be campus computing in a better way," said Ron Griggs, Director of Information Services and a member of the task force. Providing every student on campus with a laptop computer would effectively create a "fully mobile, 1600 seat virtual computer lab...no student would ever not be able to get work done because of limited room. Space is at a premium at Kenyon."

A report from the task force has been submitted to the Board of Trustees for review at their fall meeting. The board will either cancel the task force's research or give them approval to continue.

The report itself is "not a recommendation" for any definite plan of action, said Griggs, but a "work in progress looking into effects of the concept, areas still needing evaluation, cost estimates, and curriculum changes."

Although almost every student on campus owns a personal computer, during peak times all of the computer labs on campus are sometimes full. Currently, professors cannot assume that students' personal computers will function

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WEATHER OR NOT

Tonight: Partly cloudy. High: 64°F, low: 45°F.	Saturday: Scattered T-Storms/wind. High: 70°F, low: 42°F.
Friday: P.M. showers. High: 67°F, low: 56°F.	Sunday: Partly cloudy. High: 61°F, low: 42°F.

Peck: Diplomat discusses "America in the Middle East"

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Peck began by explaining "Peck's Postulates", four keys to understanding foreign affairs. The first postulate: there are no absolutes in human relations, and perception is everything. "In my business, if you do not understand [people's perceptions]...you are merely making it that much harder to get where you're trying to get," said Peck.

Peck's second postulate said that two things are always true of sovereign nations: they will perceive themselves to be sovereign nations, and they will not take any course of action that is not in their own best interest.

Peck's third postulate said that all foreign policy issues fit into one of three categories: unilateral, multilateral, and non-lateral. He referred to the current Palestinian-Israeli situation as non-lateral, where the United States is concerned and involved, but does not decide what to do.

Peck's fourth and final postulate said that throughout history, the phrase "that's different" has been the "accepted, universally recognized all purpose explanation for everything." Peck says that it is not and can not be a moral position, because "morality is the quintessential level playing field. We cannot have flexible morality."

A question-and-answer session followed Peck's formal presentation. In response to a question raised, Peck said that one cannot simply combat



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Former Iraq ambassador Edward Peck shared his experience in the foreign service.

terrorism but must also examine its causes. "I find it insulting if anybody would try to tell me that [terrorists] hate us because we have freedom," said Peck. In a later interview, Peck stressed that it was American policies that were hated, not American people. "They hate American policies because they have ample proof that people are dying because of these policies," said Peck.

"America is the world's first hyper-power," said Peck. "America can do whatever it wants, whenever it wants, wherever it wants...and no one can stop us." Peck recognizes America's role as the world's leading democracy, but at the same time he believes that America is violating every rule of democracy by "occupying territory that is not ours and savaging the people that live there." He said Iraq was one such example.

Peck told the audience how American military police and aid workers were ordered to stay behind while the army marched into Iraq, and Peck said that it would

be foolish to think that Iraqis would welcome the American military with open arms. Referring to the continual bombing of Fallujah and the chaos in Iraq, Peck said, "I'm not sure you'll have an Iraq when this is over." According to Peck, Iraq is a country that America has invaded and is punishing, and it will be left in a "pre-industrial state."

The negative image of America held by many in the Middle East can only "change with the passage of time," said Peck. Peck believes that in reconstructing Iraq, "there is no quick fix." He believes that America would do well, however, to pull out of Iraq as soon as possible and to stop the bombing of Fallujah.

Professor of Religious Studies Vernon Schubel, who attended the lecture, commended the College in an e-mail response on "bringing someone to campus to spark a real debate" on the issue of America in the Middle East. Schubel agrees with Peck that America "cannot and should not have democracy at the point of a gun—which is in reality no democracy at all."

Schubel thought, however, that Peck seemed to say that Islam was in some sense incompatible with democracy, referring to Peck's argument that Muslims see no distinction between church and state and believe that the

Qur'an holds all the answers. "In my opinion, too many policy makers in the United States hold this sort of essentialist view of Islam," said Schubel.

Peck also discussed a map that then-Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak presented to Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat at negotiations at Camp David in 2000. According to Peck, the map showed non-contiguous boundaries for a proposed West Bank Palestinian state, and Arafat rejected the map because he said it did not serve Palestinian interests.

Kenyon Hillel Director Michael Cooper attended the presentation and disagreed with Peck's version of the event. "Ambassador Dennis Ross, who...played the leading role in shaping U.S. involvement in the Middle East Peace process...has publicly said that no such map existed," said Cooper. In an e-mail to the *Collegian*, Cooper wrote that even critics of Ross and those "who blame Israel for the failure to achieve a breakthrough at Camp David did not contradict his statements about this map. Bill Clinton himself has said that the failure of Camp David was entirely due to Arafat."

Cooper was disturbed by Peck's claim that Ross could not act as a fair party in the negotia-

tions because he was Jewish. "To say that his religion stood in the way of him being able to represent the policies and directions of the United States government in his assigned duties, without offering supporting evidence regarding how that was so, makes Mr. Peck's statements on the subject and motives for the raising that aspect questionable, to say the least," said Cooper.

Eventually, the question-and-answer session had to be cut short because of time constraints. In an interview with the *Collegian* the next day, Peck said that he may have lost his patience during the question-and-answer session, and he said that that was something he should never do. In spite of his many criticisms of American foreign policy, Peck told the audience, "I do not take a backseat in patriotism."

Daniel Riss '08 was impressed with Peck's "ability to criticize the actions and motivations of the U.S. in many situations, yet remain very much in favor of America on the whole as the greatest nation in the world."

Kate Hellman '08 felt that the question and answer session was "more of an argument between a few audience members and Peck, who seemed shockingly anti-Israeli," but that "it was interesting nonetheless."

Laptops: proposal up for review

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According to Griggs, the project would cost around a million dollars a year, with the laptop computers replaced every two years in order to be as reliable as possible. The project would also mean faster implementation of wireless networking into every building on campus.

Griggs said that slowdowns of the Kenyon network because of malfunctioning personal computers could be avoided if the school provided each student with a laptop. Student-owned computers would be denied access to the school network, although the Internet would still be available for these

computers in residence halls.

Computer-equipped classrooms with eighteen seats could be reconfigured into normal classrooms that seat twenty-five, with network jacks for the laptops, said Griggs. While "the distraction [of looking at a computer during class] is absolutely a concern," Griggs noted that since laptop screens are smaller, students and teachers alike could see better. Teachers could ask their class to close the computers and pay undivided attention. "You can't do that with the lab computers now," said Griggs.

Kenyon has always provided technology resources for its students and has never required stu-

dents to bring their own computers. As student needs continue to expand, the College has built new labs and integrated computers into existing spaces over time. This concept of school-owned laptops would jump to an end result and mean at least one computer for every student.

The task force is headed by Megan Fitch, who could not be reached in time for publication.

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VILLAGE RECORD

October 20 - October 26, 2004

Oct. 20, 8:03 p.m.—Medical call at Hanna Hall regarding ill student. Student was transported to the hospital by the emergency squad.

Oct. 21, 7:17 p.m.—Fire alarm at McBride Residence/activated by burnt popcorn.

Oct. 21, 7:32 p.m.—Fire alarm/pulled station at Old Kenyon. No smoke or fire found and alarm was reset.

Oct. 22, 9:39 p.m.—Hit/skip accident at restaurant in Mt. Vernon. Student advised to call police department for report.

Oct. 22, 11:13 p.m.—Vandalism to window at Hill Theater.

Oct. 23, 1:24 a.m.—Vandalism/Adirondack chair smashed outside Hanna Hall.

Oct. 23, 11:17 a.m.—Vandalism to computer in room at Lewis Hall.

Oct. 23, 7:22 p.m.—Vandalism

to upside down tree outside Ransom Hall. Spray paint on trunk and a few limbs.

Oct. 23, 9:24 p.m.—Medical call at the Psi U Lodge regarding ill visitor. Person was transported by squad to the hospital.

Oct. 24, 11:05 a.m.—Fire hose missing from Old Kenyon.

Oct. 24, 5:58 p.m.—Theft of sign/sign found outside Hanna Hall. ODOT [Ohio Dept. of Transportation] will be notified to pickup sign.

Oct. 26, 3:05 a.m.—Vehicle accident/student striking a deer outside of Gambier. OSHP was notified.

Oct. 26, 3:04 p.m.—Medical call at Ascension regarding ill student—student was transported to the Health Center.

Oct. 27, 12:45 a.m.—Medical call regarding student with cut foot. Cut was cleaned and bandaged and student elected to see College

NEWS BRIEF

Security and Safety officers to drive students to polls

On Tuesday, November 2nd, Kenyon Security and Safety officers will be on hand to drive Kenyon students to the polls. "There will be two vehicles, and the stop will be at the bookstore, every 15 minutes," said Director of Security and Safety Dan Werner. "We feel that voting is such an important and fundamental right that, as an institution, we need to facilitate that right and make the process as easy as possible. We believe that providing transportation in a non-partisan environment is a very tangible way of supporting the right to vote."

CORRECTIONS

Due to editorial error, Assistant Provost Rich Switzer was identified as speaking for his office in a Letter to the Editor entitled "Know your responsibilities" on pg. 7 in the Oct. 21, 2004 issue. In fact, Mr. Switzer was speaking as an Ohio citizen. His views are not necessarily those of the College or of the Office of the Provost.

Due to editorial error, the sources which Switzer identified in his letter were not identified. Switzer cited statutes published by the Ohio Department of Taxation, available on the web at <http://www.tax.ohio.gov/>. He also cited the Digest of Ohio guide to motor vehicle laws, available online at <http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/EngDigest.pdf>

Due to staff error, the article entitled "Soccer Lords still can't kick their losing habit" contained a misattributed quotation. The article quotes Head Soccer Coach Des Lawless as saying "we're not in the business of kicking balls in front of our own f— goal" during a game. However, Lawless did not make this statement at any time.

The *Collegian* apologizes for any confusion resulting from these errors.

Three residence halls remain without wireless access

BY JEREMY LAWSON
Staff Reporter

"People need to turn off their own wireless access points so that we can get the [wireless] Internet," said Stanley Roberts '08, a McBride resident.

While many Kenyon students are currently using the College's new system for wireless Internet access, some Kenyon residence halls are still without wireless access. Though functional Wireless Access Points (WAPs) have been installed in each Kenyon residence hall, students living in Watson, McBride and Bushnell are unable to access the wireless network because of individual student WAPs that have not been deactivated.

"There are some issues with students turning [their individual WAPs] off themselves," said Griggs.

WAPs are devices that allow computers to connect to the Internet using wireless signals. "Many, many students bring laptops with wireless capabilities," said Griggs. "[Wireless networks] are a way of improving things for students."

Searching for renegade WAPs is a task is more difficult than it seems. Most WAPs are small or concealed, making them difficult to spot with the naked eye. Library and Information Services (LBIS) employees have gone through residence halls door-to-door to find individual student WAPs, but these efforts have been for the most part

unsuccessful. LBIS employees walk through residence halls with a signal-detector and knock on doors if the wireless signal is strong outside a room, said Griggs, but most of the time, the residents are not there. There are "very clear rules the College has about protecting the privacy of students, and we have to follow all those rules," said Griggs.

"Unless the Campus Senate decides to make [having a private wireless network] a punishable offense," said Griggs, there is not necessarily an end in sight. LBIS is "trying to persuade students to turn off their wireless," said Griggs. "[They] don't really have an easy option."

By using their own WAPs, students "are missing out," said

Griggs. Griggs said that students would benefit from wireless capabilities for several reasons. Aside from the mobility allowed a wireless user, "wireless connections can actually be faster," said Griggs. The current wired Internet system was installed in the early 1990s, and only permits a maximum speed of 10mbit/second. The wireless networks, on the other hand, would permit students to surf the Internet at much greater speeds. Installing wireless is much cheaper than renovating the current hardwire network. "If we were to replace the old wiring it would cost at least \$400,000."

Student opinion of the new wireless service varies. "We have [wireless] Internet here but it's shaky and goes out a lot," said Nick

Papa '08, a Lewis resident. "I know I have connection problems every day... it could be a lot better."

Some Old Kenyon residents seemed disillusioned. Chuck Chesnut '05 said that he did "not know of anybody [in Old Kenyon] who's used [the system]... there were no emails sent that said it was up." In regards to individual student WAPs, he said he thought "it was pretty typical of what people do... if they're doing something that's working for them, why are they going to stop?"

This semester, Griggs hopes to have wireless access enabled in Higley, Hayes, and Tomsich Halls. According to Griggs, all Kenyon buildings will eventually have wireless Internet access. Exactly when that will happen remains unsure.

No suspects in rash of recent campus vandalism

BY CHARLOTTE NUGENT
News Editor

"The letters were probably six or eight feet high," said Director of Security and Safety Dan Werner of graffiti discovered on Farr Hall last week. "I couldn't read it or make out what it said, but it did look like distinct letters."

The Farr graffiti was one of several incidences of vandalism discovered on campus buildings last week. A Caples resident first reported spray paint on both sides of the Mather Residence Hall breezeway on the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 19, according to a report filed by Security and Safety Officers Deborah Shelhorn and Carole Fiant.

Further investigation revealed graffiti on a gas meter near the New

Apartments, a stop sign and a no-parking sign on Woodside Drive, the New Apartments laundry room bulletin board, the Allen House garage door and the south wall of the Farr Hall patio.

Werner said that the incidents were then reported to the Office of Security and Safety and pictures were taken. Additional graffiti discovered later included some on the front door of the Horn Gallery, the Farr Hall pay phone and on a sign outside the Village Inn.

The phrase "eye want 2 learn" was scrawled on both the New Apartments laundry room bulletin board and the Allen House garage door. In several places, the graffiti appeared to be the small outline of a person, while in other places it appeared to be gibberish.

Profanities were discovered

on the Beta rock late Thursday afternoon or early Thursday evening. Werner said he is not sure if the profanities were related to the graffiti from earlier in the week.

"It was just as the parents were arriving... and we had that painted over," said Werner.

Finally, on Saturday evening, a call from this reporter alerted the office of Security and Safety to a report of blue paint on the upside-down tree. Security and Safety officers confirmed the existence of blue paint "sprayed on the trunk and a few limbs," according to the Security and Safety log entry detailing the incident.

According to Werner, the office of Security and Safety has no suspects or witnesses for any of the vandalism. "The same person probably did it, and I think they did all of it in just a few-hour period of time," said Werner. "We're not sure when they took place; it pretty much had to be at night, because Farr Hall and the Village Inn... are pretty high-profile [areas on campus]." Werner said most of the vandalism was probably committed on the night of Monday, Oct. 18, the night before the bulk of the graffiti was reported.

Werner believes that a Kenyon student is the culprit. "I don't have proof that it [was] students, but I think it probably was, due to the fact that [much of the graffiti] was in the interior part of the campus," said Werner.

As of Monday evening, "most



Kevin Guckes

The "upside-down tree", beloved by many Kenyon students, was painted blue in one of a series of vandalism acts last week. There are no suspects.

of the clean-up [was] finished and was done using graffiti remover," said Acting Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Ed Neal.

Werner does not believe that the incidents give reason to worry about a larger pattern of vandalism in Gambier. Though copycat crimes are "always a possibility," said Werner, "the reason it's dangerous to copycat is that if we caught someone [committing vandalism], we'd be very inclined to charge them for all of [the previous vandalism]. But I think Kenyon students are more intelligent than that, to do something just because someone else did."

The Office of Security and Safety has also ruled out gang activity as a possible cause of the graffiti. "The closest we [might] have

to gangs in Knox County would be the wannabe type - people wearing their hats sideways and pretending that they're wearing [gang] colors," said Werner.

Werner said that there are no plans to increase Security and Safety patrols because the campus-wide nature of the vandalism makes determining where to increase patrols problematic.

Though the case is not under active investigation, Werner said that the office of Security and Safety will follow up on any information received about the vandalism incidents. "We don't want people tearing the place up," he said. "Kenyon is a pretty place, and it's known for its aesthetic value."

YEARS AGO

October 30, 1959

Voting Privileges Denied Bexley Students

Back when Bexley was the divinity school of Kenyon, there was some question as to "whether or not students and their wives who are over 21 and who have remained in the community for a year have the right to vote in this district."

Both Kenyon and Bexley students tussled with the Knox County Board of Elections over this issue, and "as it [stood then] the answer seems a definite no." This was reinforced by a letter from the Ohio Secretary of State, which demanded that out-of-state students "file a statement of intention [...] to remain in the particular district beyond the time of graduation."

October 28, 1967

Women's College Launched

On this date 37 years ago, then-president of Kenyon College F. Edward Lund was prepared to begin work on a "sister institution" to Kenyon College. Lund earmarked \$18 million for the project and laid out a ten year plan. In the end, Kenyon was to have "nine new buildings which will house, feed and educate 600 women." The addition of the women's college was hoped to allow Kenyon to hire more specialized faculty in various departments without driving up tuition.

October 27, 1977

Computer Center Open to All

"Want to learn to play 'Star Trek' on a computer?" opens this article about Kenyon's first computer center, three years old at the time. The center had all of "seven terminals and one main computer" and was considered at the time to be "small compared to that of other small private colleges in the area such as Denison or Oberlin." The reasons cited for this were that "there is little need for a humanities major to use the center." However, for math and science majors, the computer's "incredible speed" allowed one to "calculate the answer to a mathematical problem in less than a tenth of a second, whereas it would take a human a few minutes to work out the problem."

Crozier Center manager resigns

BY KATHRYN CHIASSON
Staff Reporter

One of the two managers of the Crozier Women's Center, Shana Scogin '07, abruptly resigned her position this week. Scogin plans to continue as a member of the Crozier Board, but has left Adrienne Boris '07 to manage the center on her own.

"I'm sticking with it for the rest of the year," said Boris. "Dean Cheryl Steele [the Center's advisor] is looking into several replacements for next semester,

but that's all very up in the air right now."

Boris and Scogin applied for the position together at the end of last year, but did not know each other that well beforehand.

"Adrienne and I have hugely conflicting schedules and we didn't coordinate as much as I thought necessary," said Scogin. "Thus, I asked her during one of our personal meetings if she thought that she could handle the task of managing Crozier alone."

"[Scogin's] academics come

first, and we respect that," said Steele. "We're trying to make the best and look at this as an opportunity. It made me sad for her, and disappointed, but I respected her decision. I had hoped to work more with her."

The position of Crozier manager ranges from "groundskeeper to the head of a club," said Boris. "I've learned a lot in the last two months about what it is to be a visible student leader. I was involved with Renegade [Theater, a freshman drama group] last year, which was practice for this."

La Paloma occupies former Caraway's storefront

BY SEAN RYAN
Staff Reporter

In a reversal of a recent trend, Mount Vernon's ailing downtown has been the recipient of the relocation of the La Paloma Mexican restaurant from Coshocton Avenue to Main Street.

La Paloma will now be located at on the corner of Main and Gambier streets in downtown Mount Vernon. As the *Collegian* reported, Caraway's Tavern on Main closed in that location last month.

Teresa Buena, the owner of La Paloma, described the move as a "have-to" situation. As Buena explained, the restaurant's lease had expired last month, and was not renewed by their Coshocton Avenue landlord.

As a result, La Paloma had to



Steve Klise

The Mexican restaurant La Paloma has moved from its old location, shown here, to a new location in downtown Mount Vernon.

find a new location or close their doors, which have been open for over 16 years. "God opened up a door for us to stay in the area,"

said Buena. When asked if she was concerned about the trend of businesses downtown going out of

business because of the growth and comparative convenience of Coshocton Avenue, Buena said that she was "not concerned at all" because they have an established clientele.

Since the restaurant's opening last Wednesday in its new location, Buena said that there has been no change in the general amount of business, but that more of it has been people eating in the restaurant, rather than taking carry-out food.

However, neighboring businesses have seen an increase in business since the arrival of La Paloma.

Michelle Luli, the owner of Libby's Treasures, three doors south of the new La Paloma on Main Street, said that she has "had a lot of people come in here on their way to eat or after they've

eaten...and they're wonderful people."

While Luli admitted that she was a little concerned when Caraway's closed, her landlord, who also owns the La Paloma space, assured her that another restaurant would soon be in the space.

When asked if she believed that La Paloma would be an asset to downtown Mount Vernon, Luli said "absolutely." In addition, Luli had high praise for the Buenas, saying that people love La Paloma because of the owners.

Although La Paloma had been on Coshocton Avenue for longer than most of the restaurants currently there, Buena was optimistic about the move, saying that it was "definitely a change, but a good change."

Student Council discusses division housing, budgets

BY ANDY CLAUTICE
Staff Reporter

A new proposal from the Campus Senate regarding division housing came before the Student Council last week, including a clause for the admittance of sophomores into division. The proposal also stated that "each organization [with designated division housing space] is required to fill its allocated division housing space to its capacity before members of that organization are permitted to live outside of that group's allocated division housing."

The proposal binds organization members to living in their divisions instead of docking them housing lottery points, an option included in a previous proposal drawn up by the Housing and Grounds Committee. That proposal said that people who had lived in division housing as sophomores would lose two housing lottery points "in the next all-campus housing lottery they enter."

"There's no point reduction because theoretically everyone is living in division all three years,"

said Senate Co-Chair Meredith Farmer '05, referring to the three years - sophomore, junior and senior - in which students would be eligible to live in division housing.

In the case an organization is big enough to fill its division and still has members left over, the proposal states that the organization must fill the division space with a certain proportion of members from each class. Once the space has been filled with 35% seniors, 40% juniors and 25% sophomores, other members of the organization may live elsewhere on campus. If an organization does not have enough members of a certain class, those spaces must, if possible, be filled with members of a higher class first.

The proposal also contains an exemption for members of Greek organizations who are "employed by the college as a residential advisor, community advisor, a house or program manager, or are approved for special interest housing." The special interest portion of the clause was added after objections were voiced by Housing and Grounds

Chair Steve Hands '06, who pointed out that members of Greek organizations would be unable to live with members of other groups to which they might belong without such an exemption. Hands specifically mentioned sororities (which female students could be a member of in conjunction with a co-ed group such as the Peeps).

Junior Class President George Williams also had concerns about what would happen to students who are members of two groups possessing division housing. Williams suggested that such students should have to commit to one group and live in that division all three years, but the idea was abandoned after concerns were raised about such a policy restricting students' ability to take leadership positions in the unchosen group. Student Council President Nick Xenakis '05 instead proposed that students should be allowed to choose between such groups each year as long as they were not needed by one group to fill that group's division space.

Hands also informed the Council that the proposal would

likely not meet with approval from the Housing and Grounds Committee. Hands said that the committee would not approve any proposal that would "force any individual student to live in one spot." However, as the proposal has already reached the Council level, it is now outside the authority of the Housing and Grounds Committee.

The proposal will now go to Greek Council for approval and will be officially voted on at Student Council's meeting this week.

Last week also saw intense debate break out ahead of schedule about possible policy changes for the Business and Finance Committee when Treasurer John Lesjack '05 submitted student organization budgets for the Council's approval.

The supplemental budget of the Kenyon College Model United Nations team drew the attention of several Council members when Lesjack informed everyone that the BFC had approved an additional \$5,075 on top of an already-allocated \$3,300 for KCMUN for a total of \$8,375.

The point of contention was raised by Vice-President for Academic Affairs Jackie Giordano '05, who questioned the BFC's decision to fully fund KCMUN's requests while other similar organizations were not given similar consideration. "I'm questioning the [Business and Finance] Committee being able to continue this behavior for the rest of the year," said Giordano.

In particular, the approval of "delegate fees," a flat fee paid to a tournament organizer per competitor, was questioned because it is not BFC policy to pay fees pertaining to individual students for these events as opposed to fees associated with the team as a whole. Of the total money allocated to KCMUN, \$1,915 was for these "delegate fees."

Lesjack said that due to a \$38,000 rollover from last year, "we can do it, the money's there."

Because this would represent a change in overall BFC policy, the KCMUN budget was only partially approved, with the rest to be considered after next meeting's further slated discussion of potential BFC policy changes.

Fingerhut: Rally brings state politics to Gambier

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students voting for Ohio seats.

"I think it's all right if students want to participate in Ohio's elections. We love having their support as long as they're abiding by the rules," he said.

Paul Harris, coordinator for Knox County Democrats, is also confident that area residents will show support for Democrat candidates.

"Knox County has voted for only Republicans the last 76 years," said Harris. "Even through FDR's time, this county has gone Republican. This year, I've never seen so much support for the Democrats and we have a chance to do something that hasn't been done in a long time."

Fingerhut was not the only

candidate to speak to the gathering in Lower Dempsey. Other Democrat candidates that made brief speeches included Paul Chapman (candidate for County Commissioner), Jim Coffey (candidate for Clerk of Courts) and Duane Grassbaugh (candidate for State Representative). Before Fingerhut entered the room to warm applause, a band called the Decals entertained the audience with covers ranging from Shaggy's "It Wasn't Me" to the Beatles' "O-Bla-Di-Oh-Bla-Dah." They were in the midst of the Doors' "Light My Fire," when the candidate entered 45 minutes after his expected arrival.

Harris apologized to his fellow Democrats for Fingerhut's tardiness, citing the delay to Fingerhut's cur-

rent observation of "political time." Fingerhut's itinerary for the 189 hours (just over eight days) after Gambier will force the candidate to make some adjustments from everyday life.

"I'll be sleeping in the van between stops," said Fingerhut. "I'll also be looking for opportunities to shower."

His effort to cover such an extensive part of Ohio is supposed to counter the state's Democrats who have already given up on ousting Voinovich. Barich sums up the attitude that motivated Fingerhut's current campaign surge.

"I'm disappointed. I wish people had more faith in Eric Fingerhut, but when people say he can't win, it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy."



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U.S. Senate candidate Eric Fingerhut visited Kenyon on Monday night as part of a 200-city campaign blitz before the Nov. 2 election.

Knox County receives funds to fix historic bridge

BY SHEA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Knox County was recently awarded funding to rehabilitate the historic Big Run Road bridge located outside of Gambier, according to a statement from the office of Governor Bob Taft. The grant is from Ohio's Community Enhancement Project, a program funded by federal money that the state of Ohio dispenses at its discretion.

According to Knox County Engineer Jim Henry, the bridge has national historical significance and is on the National Registry Reserve List. Henry explained that the bridge is historically important because it was built by the Mount Vernon Bridge Co., a prominent bridge-building company in the early to mid-1900s.

According to the Ohio Department of Transportation's website, the bridge is a Warren Polygonal Chord truss, built in 1915. Henry explained that a polygonal bridge has a structure

made up of triangles.

"It is more pleasing to the eye," said Henry. "The way we build bridges today is more functional than pretty."

According to Henry, the repairs will mainly consist of a redone floor, made out of new wood instead of concrete. "From the sides, it won't appear any different," he said.

Henry said he anticipates that the renovation and repairs to the Big Run Road bridge will take about two years, though there are some environmental concerns that may keep them from starting work until next year. Since the Kokosing River is a scenic river, workers must ensure that they do not pollute the river during the bridge rehabilitation process.

"We have to take precautions not to deposit material from the bridge [into the Kokosing]," Henry said. "We have to have all precautions in place.... They are pretty particular about what goes in the water," he added.

Henry explained that because

of the bridge's original construction methods, pieces from the floor of the bridge are falling into the river. According to Henry, a "diaper mechanism" [explain more] will be used to catch this problematic debris when the floor of the bridge is redone to keep the debris from getting into the water.

In addition, said Henry, pieces called steel stringers, which support the floor in between the trusses, will also have to be removed because of corrosion. However, since the stringers are larger, they can be easily retrieved from the ground or water after they are removed.

Henry said he has been working to fund the rehabilitation of the bridge for about four years. "I guess I've been interested right from the start," he said.

Henry said that the state granted \$178,546 to complete the project, the full amount of funding requested. Eighty percent of the rehabilitation will be paid for through the grant. The other 20

percent of the money will be locally funded, the bulk of which will come from the County Engineer's regular budget. This money comes from the tax on local gas and from vehicle registration fees.

The Community Enhancement Project funds are awarded on the basis of state-determined districts for this purpose, and Knox County is part of the 5th district. Henry said he chose to emphasize the bridge's historical attributes in the grant request since it is the only bridge of national significance in the 5th district. He said he believes that this made the grant request "more competitive."

Henry expects some community involvement in the rehabilitation of the bridge. The Rotary Service Club "was very interested a couple of years ago," said Henry. He added that they will probably aide with volunteer work and funding.

Henry said he believes that the Knox County Historical Society will also have an interest in

preserving this historical bridge. "A lot of local historians are concerned about preserving local history," he said.

Joanna Ayers, a resident who lives near the bridge, said she agrees that the bridge is part of history. "It's a lovely area over there, and I'd like to see them preserve things," she said.

Ayers added that she is invested in the bridge because she and her children use the bike path that is near it. However, Ayers said that while she had heard rumors about the rehabilitation, she had not read anything about it.

Local resident Carolyn Metcalf, who also lives by the bridge, said she had not heard about the renovations planned for the bridge, but she said she thought the rehabilitation was a good idea.

"Since it was built here, in this community, and since it's that old—it's probably the oldest bridge here—it sounds like we have a legitimate reason to do it," Metcalf said.

Got quarters? Kenyon ID card may soon pay for laundry

BY ROSE BABINGTON
Staff Reporter

To see a student in one of Kenyon's laundry rooms with an entire arm jammed deep into a pocket is not an uncommon sight. Students across campus are perpetually in search of spare quarters for the \$1.50 washing machines and the 25-cent-per-ten minute dryers on campus. According to Fred Linger, Manager of Business Services, students may be able to pay for laundry with Kenyon ID cards in

the near future, thus eliminating the desperate scrounge for loose change.

Linger said that students experienced "the first increase in a long time" in laundry costs last spring as a result of a significant water rate increase by Village Council. The increase, which occurred after spring break, raised the price of washing machines from \$1.25 to the current price, \$1.50.

In response to students' concerns about the price of weekly laundry, Linger said that he

believes that Kenyon's rates are "right in line with what you'd find in Knox County." Kenyon's prices also seem to be in line with other Ohio colleges: according to their web sites, Denison University and Ohio State University have washing machine costs ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.25 and dryers from 50 to 75 cents. According to Linger, any extra expense is countered by the fact that students "don't have to leave [their] buildings, in most cases, to do laundry."

Using ID cards to pay for

laundry may be possible soon, said Linger, especially with the building of the FRA. If ID cards become a requirement to enter the FRA, said Linger, Kenyon may expand the cards' usage further, for dormitory access and perhaps eventually for laundry and vending. With an increased reliance on ID cards, students would not need to carry loose change, and parents could cover laundry costs more easily. However, according to Linger, "you don't want something like laundry to lead the way" in ex-

panding the usage of ID cards.

Students at the Ohio schools Otterbein College and the College of Wooster already use ID cards to pay for laundry, and Denison also anticipates using ID cards to pay for laundry in the future, according to its student newspaper, *The Denisonian*. Until Kenyon joins that list of schools, students can take a tip from Kathryn Chiasson '08, who said, "I use a dryer rack because... [laundry's] too expensive," or they can continue to dig deep in their pockets for a few more quarters.

Agresto: Former Kenyon prof helped rebuild Iraqi universities

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a society struggling to be born, and also in many ways an old way of life deteriorating and dying," said Agresto during his lecture. "So there's an amazing amount to talk about."

In an interview following the lecture, Agresto explained his reasons for supporting and continuing to support the war.

"I think it's hard to explain to the American people that we're doing this for the march of democracy and liberty, that the march of democracy and liberty is somehow intimately connected to the war on terror and that Iraq will be one place to stop the terrorists from coming here," said Agresto. "How do you make that argument? The best you could do is say Saddam was supporting terrorists, but that's not really true."

"I thought that, and I still think, if we can have an outpost that stops radical, fundamentalist terrorism, then we won't need something here that stops it so badly," continued Agresto. "Bush gets slammed all the time for trying to connect the war on Iraq with the war on terror. They never struck me as [being] different."

Agresto's primary role while in Iraq was to rebuild the higher educational system of 20 public universities



Andrew Kingsley

John Agresto worked with the Iraq coalition on higher education.

during the transition. While serving in this role, Agresto helped foster a transition from vocationally-focused universities to liberal-arts education in some schools.

"[Establishment of liberal arts education] is something that should take place, and there are actually three universities that are trying to become liberal arts universities, and I think that's good," said Agresto during the interview. "I think it will only have a very long-term effect. I was in a funny position because I was doing two things. I would help people who wanted to start American-style universities, and I would help them if they

wanted to rebuild what they already had. I didn't think it was my job to say 'this is what you should have, and this is what you shouldn't have'; my job was to say... I'll help you do whatever you want to do."

"The [Iraqi] university presidents who came with me to America and saw different universities here in America were blown away... the thing that really impressed them was that in some cases students were teaching students, and they were moving together to find answers to things," continued Agresto. "One of them said he was going to go back and get rid of all his lecture halls, so that there could only be learning around the table."

According to Agresto, the primary obstacles to the widespread implementation of these changes lies in a culture of fear and corruption under the regime of Saddam Hussein. These hindrances have also affected the attempts to create a democratic, capitalist society in Iraq.

"Thirty-five years of tyranny built a culture of fear in Iraq, and I could see that nothing would easily overcome it," said Agresto during his lecture. "Unless people are willing to work for something in common, unless they are willing to listen to each

other... democracy won't work."

"Thirty-five years under a very personal and base tyranny have left ordinary Iraqis with such a low an opinion of human nature, that earning their trust was very hard," continued Agresto.

Agresto was also sharply critical of the Coalition for mistakes made during the liberation effort. "Some of you may know that while I was a strong supporter of the war, I've not been to happy with the way we've handled the peace as it is," he said.

"The looting that took place after the war rivaled, or perhaps surpassed, the deprivation and destruction of 35 years of Ba'ath party rule in Iraq," continued Agresto. "Moreover, it increased the difficulty of rebuilding Iraq exponentially. It was the first step towards making enemies of our friends. They saw that we would protect our goods and our soldiers and our lives, but we were incapable of protecting theirs."

Regardless of these mistakes, Agresto believes that the liberation has improved the quality of life for the Iraqi people, and that the new task for the Coalition is to ensure that Iraqis begin to assert more responsibility for their own liberty.

Aside from the handling of the war effort, Agresto's focus during the lecture was on lessons that he learned about America while living and working in Baghdad.

"The first thing I learned about America is that we are confused when it comes to learning the truth about ourselves," said Agresto during the lecture. "We talk all the time about... how self-interested we are, how selfish... But it's not true. I worked with hundreds of Americans over there who left comfortable jobs and good pay and family comforts to live in construction trailers, four to a trailer, for eighteen hours a day, seven days a week, for less pay that they made back home to help a people that they had never met manage their newfound freedom."

During the interview, Agresto, who describes his current occupation as "self-unemployed" also commented briefly on Kenyon itself. After his six year stint as a professor from 1972-1978, Agresto was welcomed back to the College for an honorary degree in 1988.

"I remember Kenyon and Middle Path as being a mud hole. It's gorgeous now, what have you folks done?" said Agresto. "I do note that you've retained the fly as the city bird."

Election 2004 Candidate Cheat Sheet

John Kerry

Supports; voted against partial-birth abortion ban

Opposes

Supports "fully funding" No Child Left Behind; opposes all vouchers

Favors efforts for reducing international global warming; opposes drilling in Arctic Wildlife Reserve; plans to roll back Bush's relaxations of the Clean Air Act

Opposes gay marriage; supports civil unions

Supports federally funded catastrophic health care coverage; free health care for all children; supports negotiation by Medicare of prescription drug costs; favors strong "Patient's Bill of Rights"

Pledges to bring in allies; conduct summit with U.S. allies

Intends to review all trade agreements; proposes tax credits for companies who create jobs in this country

Opposes all privatization and attempts to push back retirement age

Repeal Tax cuts for those making over \$200,000

Issue

Abortion

Death Penalty

Education

Environment

Gay Marriage

Health Care

Iraq War

Outsourcing

Social Security

Tax Policy

George W. Bush

Opposes except in cases of rape, incest, and danger to mother

Supports

Signed "No Child Left Behind" Act; pledges extra \$250 million/year; favors private-school vouchers for students in underperforming schools

Withdrew from Kyoto global warming treaty; supports oil drilling in Arctic Wildlife Refuge

Supports constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage nationwide

Favors market-based prescription drug pricing; supports Health Savings Accounts; tax relief for purchasing catastrophic health care coverage; proposes health care clinic in all poor counties in America

Continue on current track; have elections in January 2005; bring in more allies if possible

Proposes \$500 million to train workers at community colleges in specialized areas; favors "Opportunity Zones," giving special benefits for locating in economically depressed areas

Some social security taxes could be privately invested

Plans to continue current tax cuts; proposes additional tax relief efforts

Measure banning gay marriage appears on ballot

BY MEGAN SHIPLEY
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Gay marriage has emerged as one of this year's most controversial election issues. On November 2, voters will decide the fate of a proposed state constitutional ban on gay marriage that is listed as Ohio Issue 1 on the general election ballot.

The amendment would define marriage as only a union between a man and a woman and would prohibit the creation of "legal status" for unmarried same-sex and opposite-sex couples. Proponents say that the amendment is necessary to protect the institution of marriage, though opponents contend that it could negatively affect Ohio's already struggling economy.

Voters appear to be split fairly evenly about the issue. In an ABC poll of registered voters conducted October 14-17, 48% said that they would vote for the amendment, and 45% said they would vote against it.

Although some strategists have contended that having Issue 1 on the ballot could increase conservative voter turnout, Professor of Political Science John Elliott said that this may not be the case. "Anything like this amendment is polarizing; it boosts turnout amongst fervent opponents as well as fervent supporters," he said. "Will [Issue 1] turn out more supporters or more opponents? It beats me."

Elliott said that the amendment could split voters along unusual demographic lines. "By and large, causes like this tend to have more rural support than metropolitan support," he said. "However, the gay marriage issue has a religious dimension that involves Catholics as well as fundamentalist Protestants. Heavily Catholic metropolitan areas may well be more supportive of the amendment."

Proponents say the amendment is necessary to protect the institution of marriage from

judicial activists who would wish to redefine it, according to the website of the Ohio Campaign to Protect Marriage, ohiomarriage.com. This group is part of a larger organization, Citizens for Community Values, which collected more than 320,000 signatures to get Issue 1 on Ohio's ballot.

According to Elliott, the gay marriage amendments that appear on Ohio's ballot and those of ten other states are part of a backlash against recent events in Vermont, Massachusetts and San Francisco that made marriage or civil unions available to gay couples. "This is the response of people who are unhappy about [these developments]," he said.

"Our church supports the amendment," said Reverend Merlyn Jones, Senior Pastor at Faith Baptist Church in Mount Vernon. "We believe that marriage was defined by God as between one man and one woman, and that any other arrangement weakens that institution and therefore all of society."

Jones made a distinction between his church's view of gay marriage and its attitude toward gay individuals. "We do not want to communicate a lack of love for all people, including homosexuals," he said. "We want to minister to all people."

Opponents of the amendment fear it could limit the ability of universities and businesses to attract qualified employees. The Ohio State University President Karen A. Holbrook released a statement on Sept. 30 addressing the issue. "Ohio State competes in a global marketplace for the best and brightest," she said. "If it is determined that Issue 1 prevents Ohio State and others from offering [domestic partner] benefits, it will be harmful to our institution's ability to remain competitive with other employers and institutions of higher learning."

OSU began providing benefits to domestic partners earlier this fall; it was the last of the

Big 10 schools to do so. Kenyon has offered domestic partner health care benefits since July 1998. According to the faculty handbook, both same-sex and opposite-sex domestic partners and their children are eligible for the benefits. Professor of Classics Robert Bennett, who is gay, said that other benefits for domestic partners, such as being recognized in the directory and having access to the library and athletic facilities, were gained informally.

It is unclear if the passage of the amendment would affect private colleges' domestic partner benefit policies. Republican Attorney General Jim Petro, who opposes Issue 1, said it would "limit ... the rights of private companies and public institutions to offer benefits to certain groups of people." Other legal experts say that the amendment would not affect private employers.

Kenyon President S. Georgia Nugent said that she does not expect Issue 1 to change Kenyon's policy in any way.

Bennett said that ending domestic partner benefits would have a negative effect on gay and lesbian faculty at any university affected by Issue 1. "Gaining health insurance meant a great deal to [my partner and me]," he said. "It would be very difficult financially for us, and for a number of other people, if we lost our health benefits."

Issue 1 would make Ohio universities less attractive to gay and lesbian professors and students as well as their allies, who would view the policy as intolerant, said Bennett.

Several prominent Republican leaders are publicly opposed to the amendment, including Governor Bob Taft, Senator Mike DeWine and Senator George Voinovich. In a statement, Taft described the wording of the amendment as "an ambiguous invitation to litigation," adding that it could hurt Ohio's ability to attract and retain young workers

and new industries. Taft and other Republicans who oppose Issue 1 agree with the first sentence of the amendment but assert that the second sentence is too broad and too vague.

Ken Lane, Chairman of the Knox County Republicans, said there is no consensus about the issue among Republican leaders but that he personally opposes Issue 1. "The amendment would have an adverse impact on Ohio's economy," he said. "The way our economy is now, we need all the help we can get."

Most members of the Kenyon College Republicans oppose the amendment, said the group's president, sophomore Lili Bittling. She said the majority support "a policy where the government has as little involvement in the personal affairs of its citizens as possible."

Yana Forney '07, co-president of Allied Sexual Orientations (ALSO) said she is strongly opposed to the gay marriage ban. "Not allowing an American the same rights that another American can have in a committed relationship is completely unjust," she said.

ALSO has actively opposed Issue 1. This September, the group participated in a petition drive as part of an unsuccessful state-wide effort to keep the amendment off the ballot. Co-presidents Forney, Kaelin Alexander '07 and Lara Cox '06 said that ALSO members collected 300-400 signatures and that most students were very supportive.

ALSO's leaders said their biggest fear was that people would be confused by the wording of the amendment. "I'm worried that people will think that voting against the amendment would mean voting for gay marriage, which is absolutely not true," said Forney. To combat this confusion and to raise awareness about the issue, ALSO plans to distribute informational flyers to dorm rooms this Thursday.

Election 2004: *Collegian* examines key issues

BY SEAN RYAN
Staff Reporter

Next Tuesday, Americans will go to the polls to vote in America's 54th presidential election. We at *The Collegian* have tried to provide an objective comparison of the positions of President Bush and Senator Kerry on some of the key issues.

Abortion

The two candidates differ sharply on this issue. President Bush opposes abortions in all cases, except in instances of rape, incest and risk to the mother's health. Bush also signed the partial birth abortion ban, against which Kerry voted. Kerry generally supports the rights of women to have abortions, even though he has hinted at a personal opposition to the practice.

Death Penalty

The death penalty has not been discussed in great detail in this campaign. Kerry opposes the death penalty. Bush, on the other hand, supports the death penalty.

Education

Compared to the first two issues, the candidates differ little. Bush signed the

"No Child Left Behind Act," which calls for rigorous testing in schools with punishments for schools that do not succeed. Kerry also supports "No Child Left Behind" but has pledged to increase funding for its programs.

Environment

Bush withdrew from the Kyoto global warming treaty. Kerry said that he would pursue a world-wide global warming agreement. In addition, Bush supports drilling for oil in the Arctic Wildlife Reserve; Kerry opposes it.

Gay Marriage

This issue has exploded into being the hot-button social issue this year. Bush supported an amendment to the Constitution outlawing same-sex marriage. Kerry opposed this amendment, although he said he opposes gay marriage itself. However, Kerry does support civil unions.

Health Care

Kerry favors federal funding for catastrophic health care costs (those over \$50,000) and free health care for children. Kerry also favors Medicare using its power to negotiate lower prices from drug companies. Bush opposes

most government intervention in health care, although he did sign the Medicare prescription drug benefit into law. Bush favors Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) which allow people to withhold income tax-free (like an IRA) and put that money into a special account to pay for incidental costs like doctors' visits. People also carry a supplemental policy for costs over the amount in their HSAs, which would also be purchased tax-free under Bush's plan. In addition, Bush has proposed locating a health care clinic in all poor counties in America.

Iraq War

This may be the issue of the 2004 election. In general, Bush favors "staying the course," which he considers to be going fairly well. He is encouraging free elections to occur in Iraq in January 2005. Kerry advocates bringing in more allies that were not part of the coalition, such as France and Germany. Kerry plans to hold a summit at the beginning of his term to accomplish this goal.

Outsourcing

Both candidates are defenders of free trade and do not generally propose any major new tariffs. However, Kerry says

that he would review all trade agreements that are in place. In addition, Kerry favors tax credits for companies that create jobs in America. Bush proposes \$500 million in funding to re-train displaced workers at community colleges and technical schools. Bush also favors "Opportunity Zones," which will encourage investment in economically depressed areas.

Social Security

Bush proposes a partial privatization of Social Security, allowing people to invest at least part of their Social Security taxes in a private account. Kerry opposes all privatization attempts and also opposes attempts to roll back the retirement age.

Tax Policy

In this area, both candidates have very similar views. Kerry favors most of Bush's tax cuts and proposes only eliminating the tax cuts on people making over \$200,000 per year. Bush supports the tax cuts he has signed, and there are indications that he will continue to propose more in a second term.

Editor's Note: Information for this article was obtained from the Bush and Kerry websites.

Profiles of candidates for U.S. Congress

U.S. House of Representatives U.S. Senate Representatives

Robert Ney



Robert Ney (R) is seeking a sixth term as U.S. House Representative of Ohio's 18th district, which encompasses sixteen counties, including Knox County. Before serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, Ney was in the Ohio State House of Representatives and the Ohio State Senate. Ney was first elected to the Ohio State House at the age of 26.

Ney is the chairman of the House Committee on House Administration and the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity. He also serves on the House Subcommittee on Transportation, Highways and Transit.

Since being elected, Ney's accomplishments include the Ney/Kasich amendment, requiring able-bodied food stamp recipients to work for their benefits. Ney also authored the "Help America Vote Act," which was signed into law by President Bush in 2002, creating an Election Assistance Commission to issue voluntary guidelines for systems. The act also required first-time voters to provide proof of identity, gave 3.7 billion dollars to the states to help upgrade the voting system, improved voting access for the disabled, military and overseas voters and introduced new criminal charges for voter fraud.

Important issues to Ney include protecting the rights of Ohio citizens to bear arms, making the repeal of the death tax permanent, strengthening the Ohio steel industry and giving local schools more power to allocate funding.

Ney lives in St. Clairsville with his wife, Liz, and children, Bobby and Kayla Marie.

—David Menta

Brian Thomas



Brian Thomas (D) is running for the U.S. House of Representatives seat for Ohio's 18th district. Thomas is on the Safety, Environmental and Ergonomics committees and describes himself as having "a blue collar background."

Thomas favors performance-based pay for Congressional leaders and economic stimuli to Ohio's steel industry, which he says has lost 135,000 jobs because of the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement. He said he believes tax cuts for billionaires are not good for the economy and that today "many federal officials are for auction to the highest bidder."

Thomas enjoys being outdoors and hunting. He is a member of the North American Hunting Club, the United Auto Workers and the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Alliance. Thomas runs a program in which people who donate to his campaign may win a chance to go bow hunting with him, if he is elected.

Thomas received certificates of completion for carpentry, adult welding and adult basic machining from Jefferson County JVS. He attended the Weirton Steel machine apprenticeship program and received a certificate of achievement for completing a Statistical Process Control course through CAMP Inc. and the NIST Great Lakes MTC.

Thomas has been married to his wife Janet for eight years and has two children, Eleanor and Kenneth. He lives in Carroll County.

—David Menta

George Voinovich



The Republican candidate for U.S. Senate is incumbent George Voinovich, who has served as Senator since 1998. Voinovich, a Cleveland native, received his BA in government from Ohio University and a Judge Advocate (JA) from the Ohio State University College of Law. Born in 1936, Voinovich has had a long history in Ohio politics. This includes serving as mayor of Cleveland for ten years (1979-1989) and Governor of Ohio for eight years (1991-1998). In the 1996 presidential election, Voinovich hoped to be chosen as vice-presidential nominee by Republican candidate Bob Dole. However, former New York Representative Jack Kemp was chosen instead.

According to his campaign, Voinovich is particularly concerned with reviving Ohio's economy and with homeland security. He believes "it is imperative that Ohio gets its economy back on track by creating jobs for Ohioans" and "has fought for lawsuit abuse reform, controlling skyrocketing energy and health care costs—all of which take away from job growth and capital reinvestment." Voinovich's campaign stresses that he has also focused on keeping Ohio safe, and will continue to do so if reelected. It says, "The Senator also understands that maintaining our nation's technological edge is key to protecting our citizens.... [The] Senator has been active to keep Ohio's families secure."

—Kate Hellman

Eric Fingerhut



Eric Fingerhut is running as the Democratic candidate for a six-year term as one of Ohio's U.S. Senators. Fingerhut was born in 1959 in University Heights, Ohio and attended public schools in Cleveland Heights. He received his BS degree at Northwestern University and a law degree from Stanford University.

Fingerhut has been a member of the Ohio Senate since 1998 and was reelected in 2002. He represents Ohio's 25th Senate District in Cuyahoga County. Among the committees he works on are the Judiciary Committee for Civil Justice, the Economic Development Committee and The Energy, National Resources & Environment Committee. Before running for Senate, he served in the Ohio House of Representatives (1993-1994).

In a personal statement, Fingerhut said that "changes in the national and international economy had a serious impact on Ohio's economy, but Ohio's leaders have not responded with the creative, forward-looking leadership that helped build this great state. With bold leadership and a shared vision, we can get Ohio moving again. This is the type of leadership I have shown throughout my career." In 2000, Fingerhut was named by the Democratic Leadership Council as one of the "100 New Democrats to Watch."

—Kate Hellman

Student voting patterns examined, explained

BY MIKE FRICK
Staff Reporter

"We're lucky to be in the state that will probably carry the greatest contest between the candidates in this election because it has gotten people so excited," said senior Elery Biddle. "I hope that regardless of the outcome, we can hang on to this spirit of action and continue to recognize and address problems and issues in such a way where we really are making a difference."

In recent months, college students at Kenyon and across the country have been targeted by political campaigns and grassroots registration drives as a highly desirable but often overlooked and rarely understood demographic in the 2004 Presidential election. Have these efforts been successful? How well are students fulfilling their civic responsibilities? What issues are important to young voters?

• Voter registration

For most college students, 2004 represents their first chance to vote in a Presidential election. On a national level, efforts like MTV's *Choose or Loose* aim to register millions of young voters in hopes of reaching their goal of 20 million young voters in this year's election. In nearly all parts of the country, voter registration has reached unprecedented levels.

At Kenyon, the prognosis is not as clear. Biddle, who organized the registration effort during freshmen orientation and manned registration tables in both dining halls and during the activities mart, said that her organization registered almost 300 students. Combining her numbers with the efforts of several faculty members, like Visiting Assistant Professor of English Sarah Heidt and Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science Michelle Mood, Biddle estimates that around 600 students registered to vote in Gambier. Of these 600, many were upperclassmen who switched their registrations from their home states to Ohio, and about 30% were freshmen registering for the first time.

Pamela Hinkens, director of the Knox County Board of Elections, claims that the number of students who registered to vote this year is typical. "The number of registrations we're seeing from the College is nothing different from four years ago," she said. "There is no discernable increase from 2000, when 500 Kenyon students registered. I haven't looked at the totals yet, but it seems like the same number this year."

Professor of Political Science John Elliott pointed out that "there are efforts to boost registration that end up boosting registration more than they boost turnout. It wouldn't surprise me that among college students that will be a little

different—that the turn out rate among the newly registered will be slightly higher. I don't expect a revolutionary change, however."

Heidt agreed, saying that "registering is not even half the race, just the first step. There is still a lot of self-education and education of others to take care of."

• Political awareness of college students?

If education is the main part of the battle, how informed are Kenyon students?

"Kenyon has a long tradition of passive aggressive political discussions that rarely make it beyond all-stu," said Biddle, "which is to say that most of us fall short of acting on our political beliefs. We've got a country that is so economically divided that those of us who can afford to maintain a safe distance from social issues generally do, which detracts from the democratic process. You have to be well-informed about the state of your nation in order to make intelligent decisions as a voter."

Professor Elliott said he sees "a strong relationship between education and the vote. Educated people vote more than less-educated people. I then jump to the conclusion that that would be the case for college students. I believe that in the past college students have voted at a higher rate than other people of a similar age. Some of that is that they are from families where voter participation is treated as normal or as a civic duty."

Both Elliott and Biddle said Kenyon students have a strong record of voting in the past. Biddle said she has been "impressed by the enthusiasm that students have shown as we prepare for this election," and by the general awareness of what is

going on in the world despite "living on a campus as isolated as ours which few of us feel compelled to leave more than once or twice a semester."

• Issues that Galvanize Students

According to Professor Elliott, "concerns about education issues are the most common" among students, and "issues about abortion and war are other big ones."

While there is debate about whether student registrations have increased in Knox County, Professor Heidt, Kenyon alumnus, said the political atmosphere is undeniably different this year than in the past. "This election year is much more intense than '96 which was my senior year. I think back to '96-97 and the county was just starting to come out of a recession. We weren't at war at the moment and the dot com boom was just starting. There was a feeling that things had turned a good corner at that point in the '90s. My sense is that this is a more contentious political atmosphere."

However, political activity among students tends to focus on the Presidential Election rather than local elections. Elliott explained this by saying that "people vote when they are in a community that they identify with, that they belong to, where their friends and colleagues are voting. College students don't belong anywhere, so to speak. The whole idea of stimulating college voting by voting in the college town is an interesting phenomenon." He said that it is much harder for college students—residents of a community for only four years—to become aware of local politics.

Heidt said she encourages students "to find out about local candidates and really think

of Gambier as a community where people live year-round."

• Political Attitudes

Many pollsters are unsure how to count the youth vote. While college students are often painted as predominantly liberal, Elliott said the situation is not so clearcut, explaining that generalizations about student political attitudes tend to depend on "those doing the painting. Sometimes the painters are deliberately trying to paint a picture or to paint one that comes natural to them. Other times it's Eastern media writing about Eastern colleges."

According to Knox County Republican Chairman Kenneth Lane, 63% of voters in Knox County voted for George W. Bush four years ago. However, some citizens like Professor of Biology and active Knox County Democrat Joan Slonczewski say the county could "vote blue" this year.

Said Biddle, "It's no secret that the majority of Kenyon students will be voting for John Kerry; all-stu, bumper stickers, upcoming speakers and the general buzz around campus all attest to this. This is not to say that there are no Bush supporters around, but I think most students would agree that the majority of the campus for will be voting for Kerry."

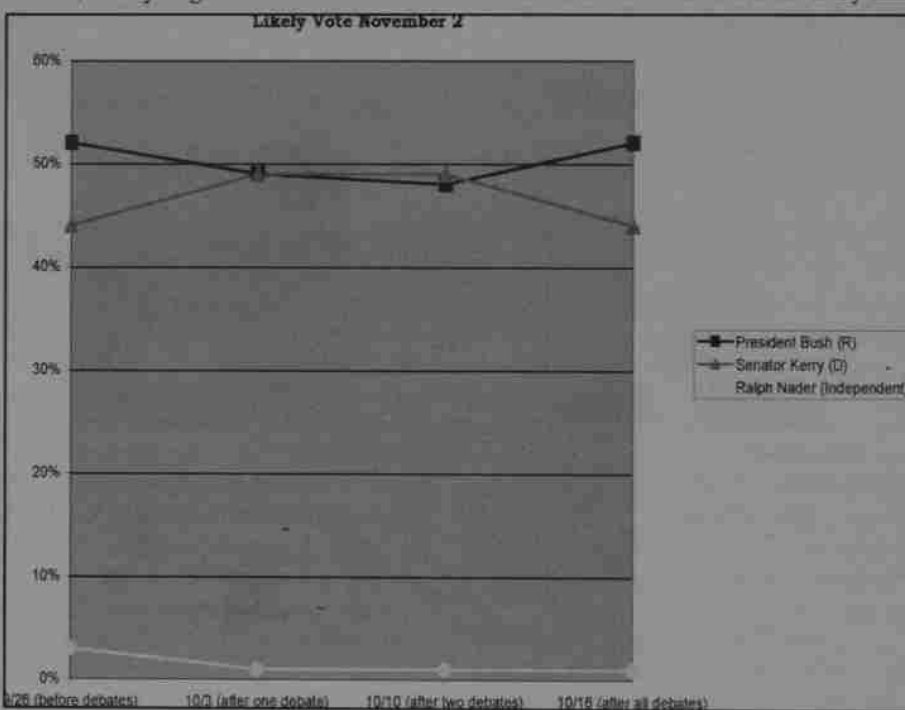
• The Big Day

Many in the Gambier community are worried about whether Kenyon students will be questioned about whether they are legitimate residents of Knox County. Both Mood and Slonczewski emailed students a copy of the Ohio Voters Bill of Rights to educate students about their voting rights in case they are challenged at the polls. Hinkens said that in her seven years as director of the Board of Elections, a formal challenge has never been issued.

However, the Board of Elections is taking extra precautions this year. Lane said that "four board officers—two from each party—will be on standby election day on the off chance that something happens."

The Kenyon community is taking as many precautions as the Board of Elections to ensure that students have a fair chance to cast their ballots. Biddle says that her organization will "be distributing postcards on Monday evening, reminding students to vote and reiterating their voter rights in case they should be questioned."

In addition, Daniel Barich '05, an active Kenyon Democrat, said that sample ballots will be available in the dining halls prior to election day and that the democrats will be providing transportation from downtown Gambier to the polls. The College will also provide nonpartisan transportation to and from the polls.



News Analysis

Kerry's foreign policies will "reestablish continuity"

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The foreign policy of Senator Kerry is, in many ways, very close to that of President Bush. Like President Bush, Kerry believes that the events of September 11, 2001 confront the United States with a fundamentally new challenge. During the Cold War, the greatest threats to the United States came from powerful, ideologically hostile rival states. Now the greatest threats to American security come from terrorists with global reach who can acquire and use weapons of mass destruction.

Kerry's foreign policy to win the war on terror has four pillars. First, Kerry proposes to win the peace in Iraq. Although Kerry criticizes the decision to conquer Iraq as a diversion from the war on terror, he also recognizes that the Bush administration's failures to prevent or contain the Iraqi insurgency have now made Iraq central to

that effort. To abandon Iraq without a stable and secure government would create a terrorist safe haven in the heart of the Middle East and destabilize one of the most critical regions of the globe.

Second, Kerry seeks to deprive terrorists of safe havens. In the short run, this requires new military, diplomatic and intelligence capabilities to disrupt terrorist activity anywhere on the globe. Thus, Kerry advocates both intelligence and military reforms, such as increasing the number of special forces, to provide the United States with a smarter operational capability to attack terrorist networks abroad. In the long run, Kerry, like Bush, sees global poverty, repressive regimes, and failed states as the breeding grounds for terrorism. Building a world order based on individual freedom and liberal democracy is the single most powerful means to ensure American security.

Third, Kerry seeks to halt the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. What makes terrorism so threatening is its growing potential

to use weapons of mass destruction—especially nuclear and biological weapons—to attack the United States. Since it is unlikely that the United States will ever completely eradicate terrorism (as both Kerry and Bush have admitted in their more candid moments), destroying the ability of terrorists to gain access to these technologies is critical to American security. This requires a multi-pronged effort to end the weapons programs of hostile states such as Iran and North Korea; secure the loose nuclear materials in the former Soviet Union; and strengthen the international regimes that control the production and use of these technologies, whether by states or private actors such as the Khan network in Pakistan.

Fourth, Kerry emphasizes acting in concert with the other advanced industrial democracies. This last aspect of Kerry's foreign policy is what really differentiates him from President Bush. Kerry perceives American power to be more limited than does Bush. Whether the United

States can win the war on terror hinges directly on the extent to which it can induce substantial cooperation from our allies across a broad array of issues—from stabilizing Iraq, to spreading democracy, to creating more robust international regimes to control the spread of weapons of mass destruction and related technologies.

Kerry's stress on multilateralism is the most controversial aspect of his foreign policy. Although it does suggest that a Kerry administration will define American interests and use American power in ways that coincide with interests and values of our allies, it does not, as the Bush campaign accuses, give other states or international institutions a veto over America's right to defend itself. Kerry's emphasis on multilateralism instead represents a key continuity with the past. It was not just American military might or the appeal of its liberal values that won the Cold War, but the credibility of American promises to use its power for the common good.

Classics Club on the Hill

BY COLEMAN GLENN
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Kenyon College's newest student organization, a chapter of the Senior Classical League (SCL), aims to spread and foster interest in the classics outside of the classroom. The club, which held its first meeting on Sunday, plans to watch classical movies, read aloud from classical works, celebrate classical holidays, and help out with local high school classical programs, among other activities. The club is open to anyone with an interest in classics who wants to join—even those who have not taken any classics courses or do not plan to major in classics.

The movement toward the creation of a Kenyon SCL began last year when external evaluators of the classics department suggested starting an extracurricular classics group. Students and faculty explored various options, including joining Eta Sigma Phi, the national classics honor society, before settling on the SCL.

"We started SCL ... as opposed to other options because it is not exclusive and does not require specific projects or activities," said Kelly Henry '07, one of the chapter's founders. "With SCL, we the students decide what we want to do, as

well as where and when." An additional advantage of the SCL, according to faculty advisor Robert Bennett, is its close ties to high school classics program through its high-school-level equivalent, the Junior Classical League.

Students have joined the group for various reasons. "I joined because students of obscure languages need to stick together," said Robert Gyenes '08. Said Adele Blake '07, "I wanted to be involved ... because classics has been gaining popularity on campus and this is a way for us to extend that." Most of the members mentioned personal interaction as one of their primary reasons for joining. "I decided to get involved ... because I thought it would be a great way to meet other students interested in classics," said Chris Laco '07.

Because the SCL is not yet an officially recognized Kenyon organization, the group does not have an official membership; but the group's email distribution list has 25 names, and the group hopes to add more as they settle on a regular meeting time and begin to plan events. The first meeting on Sunday, October 17, was well-attended, and members of the group came away from it with high hopes for the year.

Deer breed problems

BY OWEN SMITH
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With the leaves falling and mornings growing cold and crisp, it's grown fairly clear here in Gambier that fall has settled in. For the more nostalgic of us that means it's time for pumpkin donuts and apple cider, but for some of our fellow Ohio residents it means that nature's great food factory is slowing down for the winter haul, meaning that it's about time for Gambier's more wild inhabitants to begin getting creative in their search for food. Indeed, it's high time that the local charismatic megafauna begin fattening-up for the short days of frigid February.

To catch a glimpse of the ritual fattening of the local deer herd that is upon us, little more than a brief walk to the north end of campus is needed. There, on any given morning, you are likely to enjoy the sight of several deer calmly munching away on the local flora under the broad oak canopy surrounding Bexley Hall or in the long shadow of Caples. Most of us are likely to file away our

frequent deer sightings for later regurgitation when attempting to impress upon our friends the truly bucolic isolation of our campus, but a series of laws exists to allow local citizens to respond when the deer go too far, mainly when their ravenous appetites lead them to generate property damage.

With deer season in full swing since October 2, it is hard to ignore the ongoing man-against-deer battle in which the very lives of both local plants and local deer hang in the balance. So far this year 103 deer damage permits have been issued in Knox County by County wildlife officer Mike Miller, who points out that according to State law the State "shall issue" a damage permit when deer damage to property—crops, gardens, landscaping etc.—is evident, no matter how minor that damage. In many cases, this permit allows residents to take lethal measures against the deer. However, residents cannot resort to lethal means without first obtaining the permission of the local government. As a result, although such permits

Fall Fest finally flies

BY JAMES MILLER
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This little village on the Hill witnessed far more hustle and bustle than usual this weekend. A veritable army of merchants lined Middle Path to welcome the kith and kin of Kenyon's fine students, hawking baskets, sweets, birdhouses and more. The real party, however, was on Peirce lawn, site of the second annual Kenyon College Fall Fest.

"Welcome to Kenyon, may I please paint your face?" shouted Sharon Sortkin '05 to passersby.

"And a pumpkin!" added Laura Levitt '05.

In so few words, these two

seniors summed up the spirit of the festival. Complimentary treats of the gathering included popcorn, hot apple cider, pumpkins for painting and a chance to guess by tactile sampling the contents of the *Mystery Box*. While this final item left my hand smelling of scrambled eggs for hours, it was more than worth the sacrifice. A hayride through the main streets of Gambier allowed me time to cope with my new stench.

In addition, Fall Fest was a grand opportunity for student groups to raise funds. Among the merchandise available were Owl Creek CDs, necklaces, rings, Kenyon athletic bags, magazine subscriptions and T-shirts. Kenyon

Democrats also opened a table to enlist volunteers to man phone lines and post signs, while the ladies of *Zeta Alpha Pi* sold cupcakes and caramel apples.

Jessica Cheatwood-Alvarez, Area Coordinator for First Year Students and coordinator of Fall Fest, noted an increase in attendance at this year's autumnal bash. She cites the rescheduling of Fall Fest during Family Weekend, the result of last week's hailstorm, as the main cause. Very pleased, Cheatwood-Alvarez suggested that Fall Fest coincide with Family Weekend every year. In the tradition of age-old festivals of the harvest season, Fall Fest brings people—and hay—together.



J. Stewart

Kenyon students and their families decorated pumpkins this Saturday at Fall Fest on Peirce Lawn.

may be granted to frustrated citizens of Gambier by the State following a brief on-site investigation by a representative of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, local ordinances designed to ensure public safety prevent residents from using the permits in Gambier.

Beyond the boundaries of Gambier, those seeking to hunt on private property are required to get the permission of landowners before setting out in search of their deer. According to Doug Givens, the Chairman of Philander Chase Corp., a corporation set up "to preserve and maintain the open spaces, scenic views and characteristic landscapes surrounding Kenyon College and Gambier, Ohio," Kenyon maintains a policy of keeping all College-owned land associated with the Brown Family Environmental Center and contiguous to Gambier and Kenyon's campus free from hunting.

As long as Kenyon is op-

posed to letting hunters run loose around Gambier residents plagued by deer problems will only be able to appeal to the State for the ability to go beyond preventative measures and take lethal action against yard and garden invaders. While Givens has said that he doesn't want hunters loose in Gambier, local residents have continued to face the frustrations presented by a growing and seemingly ever-emboldened herd of deer. Professor of Political Science Kirk Emert explained that although he has tried increasingly dire means of keeping the deer out of his garden, the deer seem to be quite content to enjoy their virtual wildlife sanctuary and have become increasingly less afraid of a human presence and more difficult to scare off, even when caught enjoying the guilty pleasure of a carefully nurtured house-plant.

Rated fifth among Ohio's 88 counties for the sheer

number of deer-vehicle collisions according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Knox County's 612 such reported accidents are a testament to the density of the local deer population and the depth of the problem stemming from the inability of county hunters to keep the population in check. According to Toni De Iuliis of the *Mount Vernon News*, Mount Vernon has responded to similar deer problems by allowing bow hunters to apply for permits to hunt deer in a few designated areas within the city, an option that seems unlikely to find its way into the Gambier playbook anytime soon. As Givens understands it, there is not much that can be done to manage the problem presented by deer's penchant for decorative shrubs. In the end there is not a lot that can be done to bring a certain end to the continuing battle between man and beast; the deer are here to stay.

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Gambier's XOXOX press launches six new books

BY BRYAN STOKES II
Editor-in-chief

From his apartment above the former Village Inn restaurant, Jerry Kelly '96 operates a little-known Gambier enterprise—a publishing company called XOXOX press.

"The name is unpronounceable...it's that hugs and kisses symbol that people sign letters with," said Kelly, who has published books under the XOXOX imprint since 2000.

With six titles due to be released over the next three weeks—including Susan Rothenberg's oral history, entitled *To Be a Man: Johnnie Wilson Jr.*, released on Monday, and Patrick Meanor's *The Wrath of Grapes*, a hangover relief cookbook, released today—Kelly hopes to lead the press towards an era of growth.

"I'm hoping to grow, but slowly and in a manageable way," said Kelly. "And ultimately, part of doing this in Gambier, is it's not only a great literary place in terms of resources and people, faculty and so forth, but it's potentially a source of students who want to learn about the publishing industry through

Farm, 5 AM, a compact disc recorded by Ed Schiebel, containing "74 minutes of bird choir, a soft, wavering wind through leafy trees, the passing comments of cats and horses, cries of a lusty rooster named Ghost, and then—rising faintly in the distance—the whine of a first morning truck on the highway," according to the XOXOX website, <http://xoxoxpress.com>.

Since 1991, Kelly has published books under a variety of imprints. His first project, Ralph Fletcher's *Water Planet*, is a collection of poems for young readers packaged as if for an adult audience. He followed this with *Homeless Mind*, a group of poems and paintings by William Munch Jr. published under the Watusi imprint.

"The first few books that I printed did well," said Kelly. "The first book that I published was a book of poetry, and the poet spoke at a lot of conferences, spoke at a lot of school systems and was constantly in front of a lot of people, so it sold like mad because he was plugging it everywhere he went."

"[Publishing] is always something that I was interested in, going back to high school, editing the school literary

Kelly approached his widow, Susan Maldovan, about completing a project that Dawson was in the process of starting prior to his passing. The outcome of this effort was *The Dirty Blue Car*, which contains mostly new work, combined with a story from 1975 that Maldovan discovered in Dawson's files. This thirteen-story collection is due to be released on November 10.

Recently, Kelly established a limited liability corporation, Kelly Works LLC, as an umbrella company for XOXOX and possibly future projects.

"Over time, under the umbrella of the Kelly Works, LLC, I may decide to use another imprint for other purposes," said Kelly. "So, for example, if I go back into publishing poetry, it may be that Kokosing press or something like that. The LLC gives me that flexibility."

Flexibility is part of what Kelly sees as the benefit of a small press. Because the focus of the press is placed upon finding quality work, rather than making a large profit, companies like XOXOX are able to take greater risks on works that might not turn out to be bestsellers.

"Generally I'll print very small quantities to start with," said Kelly. "If you're printing 500 copies of a book, then chances are your unit cost are somewhere in the \$3-\$5 range. Having the short runs of books, for a small paperback book, there's a ceiling on how much you can reasonably cost. So we generally go with about \$10. Right there you've got \$10 in retail value, and it costs \$4 just to print it. Author royalties and all of that has to come out of what remains. And bookstores generally pay publishers \$6 and then sell it for \$10. So the profit potential for each book is tiny or non-existent in that short run of books."

The goal for the first run of books, which are printed locally at Printing Arts Press in Mount Vernon, is to break even and gauge the book's success.

"If we sell all 500 copies of that book quickly, then we can go back on press and print 2000 copies, the [printing cost] is now \$2," said Kelly. "The other costs stay roughly the same. Gradually as you increase the run length, profit potential grows."

Looking towards the future, Kelly, who is currently employed as a tech writer for AT&T Labs, hopes to depart from this job and make XOXOX his primary occupation.

"It's been tough to balance [work] and XOXOX. I expect to leave AT&T labs by March. Most of my colleagues have already been laid off. Somehow I've managed to hang in there. If the publishing venture is growing, then it would be great to just do that. If not, I'll just find something else."

His plans also include expanding XOXOX, while retaining Gambier as his primary base of operations.

"Over the last 40 years, small presses that have succeeded have tended to pop up in New York and San Francisco initially, and then in other places," said Kelly. "Now, with digital publishing being what it is, there's more of a geographic distribution, and boundaries don't matter as much."

"I feel that eventually I'm going to need to be in another place in addition

to Gambier," continued Kelly. "I'm from the Northeast, so eventually if I were able to have the operation based here, but I was able to spend significant time there, that would probably serve the press well."

Kelly began his career in New York after finding his niche in technical writing. "I was able to luck into that field, and along the way of working with technology companies, I worked with a lot of the groundbreaking technology that came into the publishing world," said Kelly. "Things like PageMaker, Photoshop and Quark Express. I also worked at an information technology company in the '80s in New York that was building online information services that were the forerunners of the Internet. ... I was fortunate to have stumbled into electronic publishing, even though I had experience and interest in books and how they were created, so that all came together for me."

Temple, whose first published work was *Coming to You from the Blue Room*, a collection of eleven short stories written over the past twelve years, appreciates the ease of publishing with a small press, and is considering submitting her as-yet unpublished novel *Doozie* to XOXOX as well.

"That novel I wrote in the same time frame that I wrote these short stories, working off and on," said Temple. "It's about a middle-aged woman who loses her husband at the beginning of the story. All of her children come home, all of her children are young adults, and she becomes very involved in their lives. ... she ends up quite changed and has learned a lot during the year."

"I'm so excited about the small press now," continued Temple. "I've never presented this book to Jerry or to any small press. But I would be very excited about having it published with a small press now that I've started and seen what it's like."

Temple became familiar with Kelly soon after her arrival at Kenyon while searching for a way to continue her work as a writer.

"When I came to Kenyon I was looking for a writing group," said Temple. "I heard that Peter Rutkoff had some kind of a writing group, so I saw him in the post office and introduced myself. I told him what I was looking for, and he said that they had disbanded, but might get back together. So Jerry and Peter and I and [Publications Director] Dan Laskin and Wendy Carlsen was here at that time and several others formed a group for a while, although we didn't stay together continuously."

Rothenberg, who first sought to publish *To Be a Man* through more traditional means, also appreciates these aspects of a small press.

"I think there's that possibility [of publishing more oral histories]," said Rothenberg. "I think this is one of the good things about XOXOX press. I tried to get this published for a number of years and a couple of agents looked at it, and a couple of university presses looked at it. And they all said, 'this is really good, but we don't think we can make money on it.'"

"Small presses like XOXOX are taking chances and I think that's what's really significant about it, because the

other things that Jerry is publishing are wonderful," continued Rothenberg. "I've seen a couple of them and they're really good. I don't know if we're going to make the best seller list, but I think it's worthy stuff that's getting out there."

Rothenberg's book is an oral history of an African-American man who left Louisiana after a traumatic childhood. Wilson's story was Rothenberg's first published work, and her second oral history. Most of the oral histories that she compiles are works intended for the family, including her first work, which was the tale of a Holocaust survivor.

"What makes it something that I wanted to try and get published, and the family agreed, is that Mr. Wilson overcame many obstacles that were put in his path because he was an African-American man," said Rothenberg. "He was born in Louisiana, and his father actually bought a farm, and within 48 hours of his buying the farm his mother, father, and a couple of siblings died. He thinks they were poisoned, because a white man had to leave the farm, so that the family could live there. He then was raised by his grandparents. He never went to school, but he taught himself to read and write. Education was very important to him; reading and writing were critical."

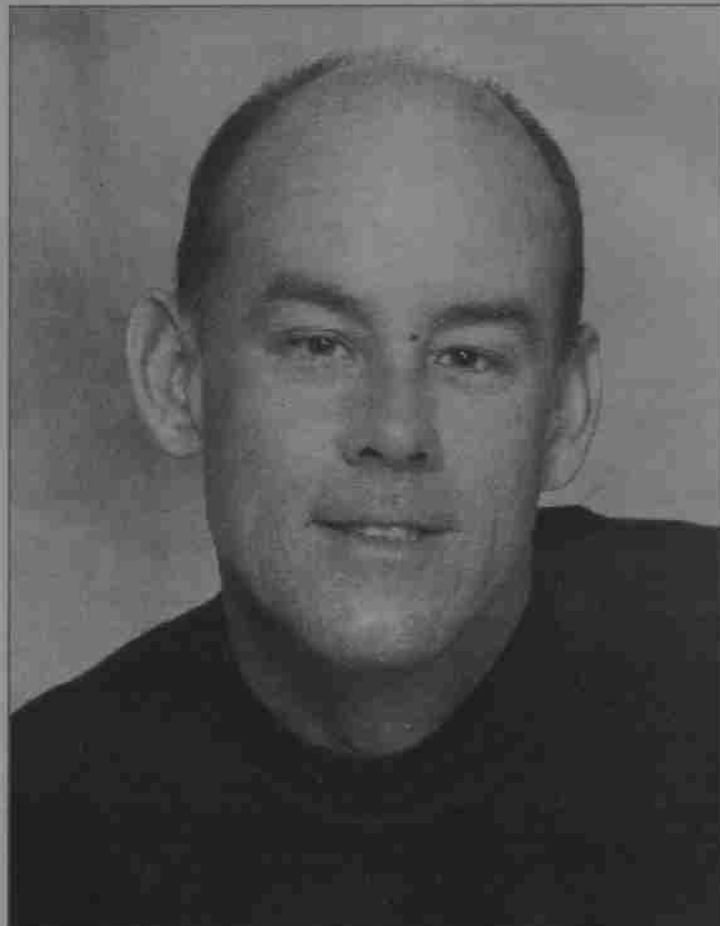
Education is what led Kelly to Gambier in the first place. He was familiar with the *Kenyon Review*, having received funding from them for a project in upstate New York, in which he and a friend helped introduce at-risk children to publishing. This project spawned a series known as the *Porcupine* books.

"We wanted to do a long project where the kids would write, and also do cartoons and illustrations and other creative things, a few weeks of editing and then we would publish," said Kelly. "We literally made this thing on copy machines, assembled by hand, made a couple-hundred copies of each one, so each kid had a copy to keep and a copy to give away, a few for libraries and teachers, and a few copies to sell."

When looking to complete his degree, which he was unable to do because of financial burden, Kelly decided to escape the hustle and bustle of the corporate world in favor of the tranquility of Gambier. He enrolled in 1994 and completed his degree in English literature with a creative writing emphasis in 1996.

"I was working in New York in a corporate job, and when I originally thought about going back to finish a degree, I originally thought of just going on nights and weekends, placing that workload on top of the workload I had in an environment that was stressful," said Kelly. "But I really started thinking, why don't I do something different? It was a great change of environment for me."

"The thing that I was kind of blind-sided by, when I started thinking about going back there were lots of people in the New York area and across the country going back, to school, so there wasn't anything revolutionary about that," continued Kelly. "I assumed that there would be other mature students coming back to finish degrees, but while I was here I was pretty much the only one."



Courtesy of Jerry Kelly
Jerry Kelly is the owner of XOXOX press, a publishing company in Gambier a small press."

Gambier has also served as a source for a good deal of the authors that Kelly has published, including Rothenberg, an affiliated scholar in the department of history, whose daughter and husband, also a trustee, are alumni of the College. Other local writers being published by XOXOX include Lorraine Temple, wife of Vice President for Library and Information Services Daniel Temple; Professor of American Studies Peter Rutkoff; and Writer-in-Residence P.F. Kluge, who will release a novel in March 2005 about a series of murders on a college campus.

In *The Next Hedgerow: A Correspondence*, Rutkoff responds to the letters and writings of his father, who died from wounds incurred during World War II, when Rutkoff was seven years old. This book is slated for a Nov. 5 release, concurrent with *Littlewood*

magazine," said Kelly. "I was always an avid reader. I was always an eager young writer who continued learning how to do that."

For Kelly, the publishing venture came together when he was approached by an author whose work he had admired since his youth.

"The big breakthrough for me came with [*Land of Milk and Honey*] that I did in 2001, because this guy, Fielding Dawson, was a writer that I knew of that I read when I was younger, part of a group of writers that I was interested in," said Kelly. "Fielding published 22 works in his lifetime. Writers like Fielding found...a benefit in small presses, because bigger publishers wither weren't willing to take on their work, or a big publisher wouldn't put a lot of work behind them, but would want to have a lot of input."

After Dawson's death in 2002,

More women embark on careers in medicine

Kenyon students part of a national trend of increasing numbers of female applicants to medical schools

BY KATE AUFSES
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Emily Williams '05 began college "pretty sure" she wanted to become a doctor. Now, after nearly four years working through the Kenyon pre-med curriculum, a major in molecular biology, and a year volunteering at a free medical clinic in northern Kentucky, Williams is one of four Kenyon seniors applying to medical school for the fall of 2005. She plans to enter an MD program and at this point hopes to pursue a "pediatric sub-specialty." On the other hand, Sally Vitez '08 is just testing the waters. In her first semester at Kenyon, Vitez is taking preliminary science courses to begin fulfilling the College's pre-med requirements, but she has not declared that she wants to devote her college career to the pre-med path. If she does stay on this route, however, Vitez hopes one day to work in an urban children's hospital.

Williams and Vitez are among a growing number of women working towards careers in health care and medicine. Statistics from the Association of American Medical Colleges show that in the past twelve years, female medical school applicants increased 6.7%, from around 15,000 to close to 18,000. Meanwhile, the number of males applying to medical school has drastically

decreased, from about 21,000 to about 17,000. The reasons for this switch are unclear, but it is obvious that colleges have been working to increase the number of female medical school applications and acceptances.

Here at Kenyon, the Career Development Center (CDC) begins working closely with potential pre-meds during orientation of their first year. According to Maureen Tobin, a Graduate School and Pre-professional Advisor at the CDC, pre-med advising begins early to give students a chance to make sure they can handle the course work, and, perhaps more important, to ask themselves the question, "Are you sure you know what medicine is really about?"

Academically, Tobin said, "students don't have to be science majors to go to medical school, but they have to start fulfilling requirements right off the bat." On the more personal side, students have to be sure their reasons for starting on the path to medicine are "solid." If, Tobin said, "reasons aren't solid, then we think about what are some other options."

Pre-med students devote nearly all of sophomore, junior, and senior years to the medical school application process. Not only must students prove their academic competence in the sciences, but also their interest in the clinical side of medicine, either through volunteering at a

clinic, doing research in a lab, or interning in a physician's office. These experiences give students hands-on time in health care fields, and, said Tobin, they can help students "make sure they understand the reality" of health care professions.

Kenyon does a tremendous job supporting students through the arduous medical school application process. Because so few students apply each year, the College can afford to spend "a lot of in-depth time advising students," according to Tobin. The College offers an "internal MCAT prep course, the brain-child of a faculty member who wanted to offer something here inexpensively."

Additionally, the Rolla Dyer Society, named for a Kenyon alumnus who helped develop a vaccine for typhus, is a group on-campus devoted to supporting and educating students who show interest in medical professions. The Health Professions Advising Committee (HPAC), which consists of faculty members in the sciences and in the CDC, conducts interviews with applicants, places students in internships, writes reference letters and composite recommendations, and advises students individually throughout their college careers and the application process.

Of the College's support and advisory services, Williams said, "Considering the size of the school, the pre-med advisory board does a good job. No one at the College except for College Physician Dr. Tracy Schermer is actually in medicine—they are all PhDs and most don't have personal experience—but they have clearly done their homework."

The process, which takes about 18 months, greatly affects a student's college career, which is why increasing numbers of pre-meds choose to take at least a year off between college and medical school. Some potential pre-meds, such as Vitez, worry because the combination of the pre-med curriculum and medical school application process will keep them from going abroad junior year. Tobin says the College would "rather see [students] enjoy their time at Kenyon" than spend four stressful years applying to medical schools. CDC statistics show that more than 50% of pre-med students wait at least a year to apply; Vitez is not worried that taking a year will put her at a disadvantage because it is clear that the medical school "applicant pool is getting older."

In addition, females are beginning to dominate the medical school applicant pool. Tobin said she does not know what accounts for this increase in female applicants, but she

attributes the rise partially "to programs encouraging girls in science early on." Nor does she know how the increasing female population will affect the field, but she hopes "we will see the area of medicine become more flexible about part-time and become a more family friendly area."

Both Williams and Vitez agree that growing up around female doctors helped pique their interest in health care professions. Williams said, "The trend ... over the past 20 to 30 years shows an increase in women in medicine, and as some of the 'old boys' in medicine are retiring, women are stepping up and filling their positions. With women in leadership roles, the profession is becoming more accommodating to women's lifestyles without sacrificing the quality of health care." Vitez added, "I grew up with all female doctors, so subconsciously I'm sure that had an effect on

me. ... Girls also dominated my high school, so I've never felt inferior."

After seven years of schooling, plus residencies and internships, medical students may not be able to start families and settle into careers until they are well into their thirties. This idea may scare some college students—both male and female—out of pursuing careers in medicine. Williams said, "I don't know if this idea scares people, but realistically as a woman in medicine you have to think about that. It does take a little more planning, but hopefully you are going into medicine because you want to help the field of health care. ... It's now very typical to have female physicians, and I want to carry on that tradition." Vitez agrees, "I want the family eventually, but to follow any dream always requires sacrifices. And I think in today's world it's never all-or-nothing."

Thefacebook invades

BY KATIE PEPPER
Staff Writer

The latest fad spreading across campus, joining the ranks of Nalgene, Natty Light and Uggs can't be found at Wal-Mart. It's thefacebook.com, a web-based directory of college students throughout the nation.

Having started with larger universities, Thefacebook has integrated smaller colleges like Kenyon. Members of Thefacebook can connect to other students as friends, through groups, and through classes. Thefacebook will then provide running totals of how many people each member is connected to, including the number of people who are connected by being friends of the member's friends.

While the totals may inspire one to burst into a rendition of "It's a small, small world" when the connections-through-friends total hits 600, it also spurs a rising sense of competition among students. And while it can be interpreted as simple extroversion to seek to be friends with every member of campus and your former high school, you know you're addicted when you can be found muttering, "I think I saw him at Middle Ground once. Yes, I'm sure I did. Friend number 45!"

Some Kenyon kids are still resisting the siren call of Thefacebook on the surprising grounds that it is a colossal waste of time. Katie Thompson '07 said it was pointless, that if a person really is your friend, you will already know any information that The-

facebook provides about him. Cori Hirai '07, although a member, said her parents were concerned about personal information being posted on the internet. Many other schools have their own personal facebooks, creating more security because the information stays within the college. Others feel that access to the Kenyon Faces Directory would eliminate the need for Thefacebook. However, students viciously opposed to Thefacebook seem to be the minority.

Although Rebecca Eckart '07 says of Thefacebook, "It's a cult," she is a proud member and spends a fair amount of time on the program. It's a perfect way to waste time, mindless enough to allow the midterm-plagued mind of the typical Kenyon student to relax a little between study sessions.

It also provides a means of staying in touch with friends outside of college. Amanda Lewis '07 stated that, "I think [Thefacebook is] pretty neat because I've gotten to talk to friends who I haven't seen or spoken with in several years. It's a good study break." And if random acquaintances suddenly ask to be your friends, you can take advantage of it and find out more about them.

It works for checking up on exes as well. New friends can also be made by joining groups in which the member has an interest. Groups range from classes, sports fans, residence halls and fraternities to groups entitled "Holy S--- I'm Awkward," "Kenyon Pirate Club" and "Future Slackers of America."

Random MOMENTS

What should President Nugent dress up as for Halloween?



"A penguin jockey."
—Audrey Kaem '08 and Lindsey Randol '08



"Bob the Builder."
—Gardner Gould '07



"A fuzzy, green-spotted centipede with brown stripes."
—Peter Scherer '08



"Professor McGonagall."
—Carol Ditmars '08 and Jenny Lu '08

BY MARA ALPERIN

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Awareness is the best participation

Debates have been cropping up all over about what exactly constitutes an Ohio voter, and whose ballots will actually be counted. Regardless of what happens, the issue is complex, and November 4th in this swingiest of swing states is sure to be a circus. In this difficult atmosphere, it is vitally important that those who do vote vote their informed convictions, and cast ballots worth defending.

There have been dozens of campaigns in Ohio and on the Kenyon campus this semester to get students registered. The College has come out formerly in favor of "encouraging our students to exercise their right as citizens to vote" in the greatest numbers possible. The major parties have also made such calls. But without an informed and excited electorate, registering people and driving them to the polls only changes the process. It does not necessarily improve it.

The *Collegian* has already noted the problems with the policy of registering students to vote in Ohio, if the only aim of that shift is to effect one national election. Swamping the local polls with uninterested and uninformed travelers does a disservice to the process. This same problem applies to the general election.

In some cases, registering people to vote who would not register under their own motivation, is not really enfranchising new voters. In practicality, it's giving extra enfranchisement to the friends, parents, and other sources of influence on a person who by him or herself has few convictions politically. If a person is voting to please other people, or some expectation he or she should vote, then it's not really the kind of democracy the Founders had in mind.

The value of participation in other good things is not treated as unquestionable. Kenyon has few physics majors, but this has not produced an outcry for recruitment away from the Humanities to engineer more participation in the department. It is understood in academics that personal passion and drive is crucial to meaningful participation in a thing. How is voting any less demanding? Einstein himself was quoted as saying "politics is more difficult than physics."

The better alternative is to reinforce the programs that promote political awareness, and bring news and views home to the student body. Many recent events sponsored by history, political science and many deans show great leadership in this area, and knowledgeable speakers continue coming through Gambier as if on parade. This helps inject questions, context and knowledge into the election project; those things it needs most if student-citizens are to cast as many thoughtful ballots as possible.

There are many students and other Americans who simply are not interested in politics. While the current drive to bulk up the registration rolls surely has good intentions, it's not as democratically honest as it seems at first glance. Perhaps those who are turning their attention from knowledge to numbers in the name of the "people's choice" should re-visit their b-list Rush LPs. Then they might remember that "if you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice."

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Bush's policy harms Cubans

BY ELLERY BIDDLE

Guest Columnist

One point of controversy that has barely been addressed by the presidential candidates this fall comes from a place where the sugar cane is fresh, the tobacco is in plentiful supply, and the streets sizzle with the sounds of salsa. Cuba, our anomalous neighbor to the south, is the only communist nation in the Americas, and the only country in the world to which U.S. citizens are forbidden to travel.

When Fidel Castro took power in 1959, our country was dominated by the post-WWII "Red Scare" mentality. Thus, as the Soviet Union rapidly became Cuba's greatest ally and Cuba nationalized U.S. corporate assets, the Kennedy administration sought to impose tighter political sanctions on U.S.-Cuba relations and soon established a trade embargo.

Since the Cuban Missile crisis in 1962, which represented the climax of this conflict and the abrupt termination of U.S. Cuba relations, the U.S. has maintained strict embargoes, in addition to the ban on travel to Cuba by U.S. citizens. These restrictions have generated an even greater sense of disillusion and ignorance in the United States about social and political life in the Republic of Cuba. Last spring, I was lucky enough to spend the second semester of my junior year studying at the University of Havana. I can attest to the fact that in Cuba today, healthcare and education are nationalized and free, housing is extraordinarily cheap, and their crime rate is significantly lower than ours. Sporting events, the arts, and travel are accessible to the vast majority of the population because admission is also extraordinarily cheap.

That is not to say that there are no shortcomings in Cuba's structure; food and personal products are often in short supply, public works are usually underfunded, and pharmaceuticals are extremely scarce. There are few examples of papers that are the result of a free press. There is, of course, poverty and hunger. Despite the many faults of Castro's system, the perpetuation of this forty-year-old cultural collision through a trade embargo exaggerates and misinterprets the implications of Castro's policies while making no progress towards Castro's falsely anticipated resignation.

Since he has taken office, President George W. Bush has taken radical steps to tighten the embargo, which has resulted in punishing the people of Cuba, rather than their dictator. As our president "brings democracy" to the

former socialist dictatorship of Iraq, he continues to punish the people of Cuba in what looks like an effort to sadden them into adopting democratic ideals.

And while some of the world's greatest oil reserves are conveniently located in Iraq, and will most certainly provide a pay off for Bush, so will the economic stronghold of the Cuban exile community in Miami, Florida. In an effort to support his campaign for re-election, George W. Bush has accepted thousands of dollars from this group with the understanding that while he is president, he will do whatever he can to dismantle Fidel Castro's dictatorship.

This group is mostly represented by wealthier Cubans and their children, who came to the United States between 1960 and 1961 in fear of Castro's communist revolution. Since then, the community has grown considerably and developed into an economic and political powerhouse that all but runs Miami.

Naturally, their generous contributions to his campaign have encouraged the Bush administration to cater to their interests, despite a disagreement in Congress. John Kerry is among senators who supported loosening the embargo. In his "Statement of Principles on U.S. Cuba Policy," he writes, "...I have consistently joined my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in votes with bipartisan majorities to end the travel ban and to permit the sale of food and medicine, while voting to censure Cuba for human rights violations." Nevertheless, the administration placed several new sanctions on the embargo this past May, which Cubans agree will not produce the supposedly desired effect of convincing Fidel to step down, though they will violate the freedoms of United States citizens. The most upsetting and inflammatory of these new restrictions were the following:

1. Whereas Cuban-Americans living in the United States could previously visit their immediate families in Cuba as often as they desired, they may now only visit their families every three years, and for no more than two weeks at a time.

2. Whereas Cuban-Americans living in the United States could once send their immediate families up to 3,000 dollars per year, they may now send no more than 1,200 dollars.

The nation's reaction to this news was overwhelming. Castro called for a march in Havana against George W. Bush's policies, bringing together more people than I have ever seen, all unified against this senseless violation of freedom. Each municipality of the

city filled a major street in Havana, carrying signs, chanting and singing. I had a friend whose mother was dying of leukemia and whose father lived in Michigan; he was afraid that the new policy would prevent his father from visiting them before she passed away. A democracy as "strong" as ours should never allow for such ludicrous violations of the rights of its citizens, and yet our government continues to misunderstand the effects of these punishments, driving the countries further and further apart.

I have never seen such passionate hatred for the Bush administration as I did in Havana. Cubans are well-informed on the political, social and economic problems in our society, and many are just as adverse to the idea of "democratization" as they are to Castro's dictatorship. If Bush were truly concerned for the freedom of the Cuban people, he might compare their situation to those of neighboring countries like Haiti and the Dominican Republic and find that Cuba is unquestionably the most stable, both politically and economically.

While Castro has been rightly condemned for his recent violations of human rights, he has also managed to develop a relatively successful island economy without the help of the United States. Cuba's doctors are regarded as the best in Latin America and are sent to various countries that lack strong healthcare. Students from all over Latin America, the Caribbean, Botswana, Angola, and France all come to study at the University through programs that the leaders of these countries have developed with Castro. He is exercising a kind of diplomacy that affects positive change, something our government seems to have trouble understanding.

In addition to senselessly strangling the freedoms of Cuban-American families, the Treasury Department has revoked all but one of the academic program licenses to study in Cuba. Bush is sending us a clear message—that not only shall we refrain from spending even a single dollar there, but we will be denied the opportunity to learn about Cuban culture and politics and thus denied a new perspective on these differences.

Cuba represents an extreme brand of the fundamentals of Bush's policy; rather than attempting to understand the different political structures of other nations and their cultural roots, he is determined to make every other nation conform to his ideals, while conveniently earning some extra campaign dollars along the way.

The marriage amendment is divorced from reason

Catholic bishops, among others, need to step back and consider implications of Federal interference

BY NICHOLAS KWIEK
Staff Columnist

On Monday morning, the BBC World Service interviewed the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Denver, Colorado, who has been outspoken of late on the relevant issues in the upcoming presidential election. He made it very clear that he has not endorsed any candidate but has discussed and preached issues.

The religious issues in this campaign are, expectedly, abortion rights and gay marriage. Conspicuously absent from most religious discussions of the election is the gaggle of wars in which the nation is currently involved.

Abortion has been the key issue for many Christian voters since the *Roe v. Wade* decision, and it continues to be in this election. The Archbishop claims that abortion is an evil that our society cannot tolerate and that it is the source of the evil that causes war: the ability of a society to murder its unborn children allows that society to wage war on other peoples.

Honestly, I think that the Archbishop's argument to that point is bogus. If one searches

for a causal relationship in killing, war is more likely to harden a society into allowing abortion than vice versa. Was *Roe v. Wade* not decided near the end of American involvement in the Vietnam War?

Still, religious leaders encourage voting on abortion as a *sine qua non* for a candidate. This leads a voter to President Bush and his Republican party, almost as a rule.

But if the Republican party knows that it can secure a sizable block of votes in every election by proclaiming its dedication to banning abortion, then what motivation does it have to actually pass a ban? As soon as abortion is banned, the Republican party faces the threat of losing those votes. So, I am convinced, if the Republican party is ever given the opportunity to ban abortion outright by overturning *Roe v. Wade* or by passing some cleverly worded law, they will quietly forego that opportunity in the interest of keeping votes in the next election. Thus the Republican party is deceiving the well-meaning "Christian right."

The deception does not end there. The debate on the issue of

gay marriage has been fierce.

As it stands, there is no constitutional prohibition of same-sex unions. When judges in various states began allowing such unions, the reaction from the "Christian right" was to propose a constitutional amendment.

The proposed constitutional amendment, though, does not ban gay marriage; instead it exclusively defines marriage as being between one man and one woman.

As President Bush framed the issue with a religious motivation, most Christian leaders have supported the proposed "marriage amendment." Opposition has come from those crying, "Separation of Church and State!"

Equal protection under the law aside, the proposed amendment clearly contradicts the separation of Church and State. Its supporters would argue that it does not constitute a Church invasion of the State because the proposed law only supports nature and western tradition going back to Classical Greece and Rome. These people are material evidence in a case for liberal arts education.

Most opponents argue that the Christian motivation of the law is clearly the Church co-opting the State for its own discriminatory purposes. Both sides have missed the truly sinister effect of the proposed amendment.

In my religion—I am Catholic—marriage is one of seven holy Sacraments. To explain what these Sacraments are and what they mean would be a treatise in theology, but suffice it to say that they are exclusively the property of the Church. The State has no right to restrict nor embellish them. But by defining marriage, the State is thus defining a Sacrament. The State is invading the Church. I am not so concerned about the Separation of Church and State with regard to the Church exerting undue influence over the State; I am more concerned about the State now being legally, constitutionally able to regulate the Church. We can see where this got the Church of England; but even worse, this amendment would open the door for state regulation of all religions, not just one state religion. Unfortunately, most Christian leaders, including Catholic bishops, have

not noticed this minor detail and continue to support the proposed amendment.

War, be it the war on error, the war in Afghanistan, or the war in Iraq, has been summarily marginalized in religious-political discourse. I remember during the first Gulf War seeing pins and posters everywhere at my Catholic elementary school reminding us to "Pray daily for peace." But these have been replaced with "God bless America" and "Pray for our troops"; as if God could bless America in any context other than peace, or our troops would be aided most by anything other than peace.

All of the discussion of whether or not any of our wars in the past three years has been *just* has been dropped in favor of utter silence and dismissal.

The BBC anchor, challenged the Archbishop in the interview about whether or not it was his place to preach politics. He responded that he receives letters from embarrassed Catholics, but he believes that he is right. Perhaps he should consult his own Scripture before he makes that judgment and leave politics and religion as separate as Christ says they should be. Give unto Caesar...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The 'local electorate' includes those who study

Editor,

Please allow me to express my support for students' right to vote in the communities where they reside while in school. As a long time resident of Knox County, I value and appreciate student participation in community affairs. As consumers, as volunteers in our schools, churches, and charitable organizations, students from Kenyon and Mount Vernon Nazarene University contribute beyond measure to the quality of our community life. I know that when I was a student in college and universities, I considered myself a resident of the communities where I lived and studied. I welcome those of you who consider Knox County your home, whether for one year or more, to participate in the political, spiritual, intellectual and charitable life of this community. And I say to you all, thank you and you are welcome.

—Penelope Joy Rauzi
Howard Resident

Letter acts as 'don't vote' scare tactic

Editor,

After reading Richard Switzer's letter on what it means to be an Ohio citizen I turned to the Student Handbook to see what it says about such matters. Its only entry in regard to Ohio law is a list of drug and alcohol offenses.

I mention this because it is not the substance of Mr. Switzer's letter so much as its timing and tone that are troubling.

Let us suppose that Mr. Switzer's purpose was to welcome new residents and to help them learn some of the lesser-known obligations of citizenship. If that is the case, a letter written in August would have been more helpful than one written twelve days before the election.

More to the point, and because Mr. Switzer is not only an Ohio citizen but a member of the College administration, if his goal is to help new residents become full citizens, an even better route would be to improve the Student Handbook.

In such a Handbook, however, none of the points Mr. Switzer raises would be found under the heading of voter registration because none of them has any legal link to that topic.

The Republicans declare that their concerns about voter registration have to do with fraud; the Democrats should join them in that concern. When, however, the Republicans' methods begin with threats and seem designed to sow confusion it is hard to take them at their word.

—Lewis Hyde
Richard L. Thomas Professor of Creative Writing

Students: exercise your rights

I would like to take this opportunity, with the publication of the Collegian before the upcoming elections, to reiterate two statements which have already been distributed via email to all Kenyon students and employees. 1) The letter of Mr. Rich Switzer published in the Collegian last week does not represent an official position of Kenyon College, but rather the individual beliefs of Mr. Switzer. 2) Kenyon College has an official position with regard to the upcoming elections.

Most simply stated, it is: Exercise your right to vote! To facilitate voting, a shuttle to the polling place, the Community Center on Meadow Lane, will depart from in front of the Bookstore every 20 minutes, beginning on the hour, from 7 a.m. til 7 p.m.

—S. Georgia Nugent
President of Kenyon College

Roommate solution admirable

Editor,

I am writing you because I am a parent of a Kenyon first year student who got a copy of the Collegian during Family Weekend and found the column written by Lydia Thompson quite on the mark. As a parent, I observed my child spend the smallest amount of time defining the criteria for a roommate, but this becomes such a criteria success factor for the student and the school in the first year. I would suggest that the students be asked to list ten, could be more, criteria which describe them as individuals and using a computer for matching, the students be given a listing of possible matches. From these the student can use the independence that we are expecting them to use in their college years to choose a roommate. It is similar to dating services online, but without the pictures. It would be an improvement over the present system, while empowering the students to find comparable roommates.

—William MacKnight
Kenyon Parent

Outraged? Excited? Plotting to warp the views of others and so change the WORLD???

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~ Contact lewisa@kenyon.edu and write for Opinions this week ~

A look inside a puppet government

Sure it's the silliest satire of the year, but does Team America have what it takes to be the best?

BY BRIAN SCHILLER
Film Critic

Team America: World Police
Directed by Trey Parker
Voiced by Trey Parker, Matt Stone, Kristen Miller, and Masasa

****1/2 (out of ***)**

Rarely does a film appeal so directly to me — the liberal who holds George W. Bush and Michael Moore in equal contempt. This is what *Team America: World Police* proposes to be: a biting piece of sociopolitical commentary aimed somewhere near the *Daily Show* crowd. While *Team America* succeeds occasionally at being just that, it is a significantly flawed film whose failures are as biting and critical as its strengths.

Team America follows the titular homeland security squad in their attempts to rid the world of overtly stereotypical terrorists. After an initial mission, they determine that they need an "actor" to go undercover. Enter Gary Johnston, the best actor on Broadway, whose presence sends riffs, both good and bad, through the team. The team recognizes their main terrorist threat to be Kim Jong Il of North Korea,



<http://movies.yahoo.com>

Some strings attached: The heroes of *Team America: World Police* secure the homeland and blow crap up.

and they trudge through various challenges in order to save the day for America and teach us our daily anatomical moral.

The bulk of the comedy is passable, mostly marked by inappropriate sight gags and marionette-related humor. The filmmakers don't hesitate to use their marionettes as real people. Imagine a romantic interlude or a fight scene carried out between two puppets, and you have an idea of what they're going for. To his credit, Parker doesn't overuse the clumsy marionette gags that wear out their wel-

come quickly. Their spacing, in the end, makes each ridiculous walk and poke in the eye entertaining. The voices are for the most part well done and ridiculously appropriate. From the All-American quarterback (Parker) to the ditzy psychic (Masasa) to the officious leader figure Spottswode (Darren Norris).

The soundtrack is by far the finest achievement of this film. This comes as no surprise to fans of Parker's *South Park: Bigger, Longer, and Uncut*, which managed to net an Academy Award nomination for its fantastic

"Blame Canada." Gary's character is introduced acting in a Broadway musical, *Lease*, singing a song called "Everyone has AIDS!," filling the long overdue need for a *Rent* parody. Other songs decimate *Pearl Harbor* and other film conventions, stepping beyond the songs from *South Park*. Before, the songs were hilarious and well-crafted, but now Parker is fine-tuning his satiric talents.

If that is the case, though, his direction is occasionally misguided. He picks out a great group of actors to poke fun at for

their self-important "we can save the world!" attitude, but calling them the "Film Actors Guild" and unnecessarily running the corresponding abbreviation under them at all times undermines the intelligence of the rest of the film. Similarly, the latent racism in mocking Kim Jong Il's dialect (see also: *Lost in Translation*) isn't so much humorous as it is disappointing and crude.

For those reasons, *Team America* gets knocked down a peg or two in the list of the year's best comedies. What it lacks in grace and intelligence is precisely what *Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle*, *Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story*, and *Shaun of the Dead* hit on so well. Those films didn't need to lower themselves to the level of poor filmmaking that they ridiculed.

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Monsters, murders and maniacs at the movies

David Jacox returns with ten terrifying recommendations for cinematic endeavours that will make you lose more than sleep...

BY DAVID JACOX
Film Critic

10—*The Silence of the Lambs* Jonathan Demme 1991

"I ate his liver with some fava beans and a nice chianti." Anthony Hopkins, as mastermind criminal Hannibal Lecter, is as sinister as any actor ever put on screen. Featuring a great performance by Jody Foster, Demme's signature work earned five Academy Awards out of seven nominations.

9—*The Ring* Gore Verbinski 2002

Verbinski's adaptation of the Japanese horror *Ringu* almost makes up for his having directed *The Mexican*. The cast features strong performances by Naomi Watts and Brian Cox, but the real strength of the film lies in its striking cinematography and superb editing.

8—*Children of the Corn* Fritz Kiersch 1984

A small army of creepy teenagers and lots and lots of corn are the hallmark images of Kiersch's film, based on the novel by Stephen King. Kiersch's direction and cinematography make this one of the best adaptations of King's extensive catalogue.

7—*The Exorcist*

William Friedkin 1973

What Halloween weekend would be complete without watching



<http://members.aon.at/frankenstein/frankenstein-universal.htm>

A doomed girl if ever there was one: Boris Karloff as Mary Shelley's monster with Marilyn Harris.

Linda Blair vomit pea soup and make lewd comments about Father Karras' mother? Friedkin's horror classic is packed with memorable imagery featuring Blair's spinning head, the levitating bed, and one of the most famous staircases in Washington, D.C.

6—*Frankenstein* James Whale 1931

In spite of the technological shortcomings of the 1930's, Boris Karloff's portrayal of Frankenstein's monster is as great today as it ever was. Whale's fast-paced, visually stunning rendition of the Frankenstein

story is still one of the best films in the genre.

5—*Nosferatu*

F.W. Murnau 1922

Murnau's silent classic combines the haunting visual reality of German expressionism with Max Schreck in a fantastic performance as the bloodthirsty Count Orlok, the precursor to Dracula. The film has no need for dialogue, relying instead on the set design and acting to create the nightmarish world of the vampire.

4—*Halloween*

John Carpenter 1978

Carpenter's best film by far. With outstanding camerawork and ed-

iting, Carpenter demonstrates a rare degree of finesse in telling the story of infamous mental patient, Michael Myers, who returns to his hometown and hunts down a wholesome Jamie Lee Curtis. One of the best films to watch at two in the morning with the lights out.

3—*Night of the Living Dead* George Romero 1968

Romero does not waste any time with a cheesy, unbelievable back-story. With flair and talent, Romero delivers what everyone really wants: zombies and more zombies. What could be better than watching an army of the un-

dead storm a farmhouse with a few innocent people inside? This is what Halloween is all about.

2—*The Shining*

Stanley Kubrick 1980

Based on another Stephen King novel, this masterpiece combines the genius of Stanley Kubrick, a riveting performance by a pre-*As Good As It Gets* Jack Nicholson, and a picturesque but haunted mountain retreat. *The Shining* is Kubrick's most frightening film, and Jack Nicholson's most menacing role to date.

1—*Psycho*

Alfred Hitchcock 1960

You know you're a master when your film can instill a genuine fear of showers and staircases into viewers. On every level, from the music of Bernard Herrmann to the brilliant editing, Hitchcock's classic is terrifying from start to finish. Anthony Perkins' performance as the unassuming lunatic Norman Bates made him a horror icon. Hitchcock's talent for suspense, and his willingness to manipulate his audience, make *Psycho* the single scariest film ever.

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Weird Weekend!

How to dance without sweating up your new costume!

BY MADDIE BAHAR
Staff Writer

Halloween is just around the corner. Most of you are probably planning trips to "get your fright on" at one of the haunted forests, prisons, or houses found throughout Ohio. However, for a great time that is just down Middle Path, I suggest dressing up in your scariest, or even skankiest, clothes and attending the Halloween parties located in the lounges in Old Kenyon.

This year's Saturday night fun will be hosted by the Alpha Delta Phi's, Epsilon Delta Mu's, and the Peeps. Think of it as three costume parties right at your fingertips!

For starters, EDM's "Children of the Cornfield" party will be held in the Old Kenyon DKE lounge, disguised with macabre farmland themed decorations. "It's part of our yearly tradition," said Nelie Zanca '07, the social chair for EDM. For the sorority, this Halloween tradition has always been non-alcoholic and provides a party that is open to the entire Kenyon campus, and funded by school organizations and members of the Kenyon administration.

The party's DJ, Alex Matlack '05, whose hip-hop will have the lounge jumpin' all night long, will provide musical enjoyment for all. In addition to the free pizza and

candy, ADEPT will provide mocktails for all partygoers.

In the middle lounge of Old Kenyon, the Peeps will provide a night of great music. Ben Mason '05, president of the organization, is pleased with the musical lineup. Rowboat, Rowboat and Fat Kid, two popular student bands, will be performing throughout the night. Note to all you Dance Dance Revolution fans: leave your room for the night and test out your newly — learned skills out on this dance floor. It will surely be the place to jam! Don't take my word for it; Anthony Tracey '06 says, "It's going to be fantastic — I'm betting on it."

Last, but certainly not least, don't forget the AD's. While it seems the techno-based Underground is put on hold, the fraternity will nonetheless partake in the Halloween festivities — but with something altogether different this year. The AD's will bring a special, surprise band to play the night away. This band will draw the curious music lovers and avid partiers to take a listen to whatever sound they will bring to the dance floor.

Instead of shedding around ten dollars for a haunted house, all you need is your ID to attend Kenyon's Halloween bashes. And most likely, many students' costumes will provide all the fright you need on Halloween. Are you ready?

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POETRY READING

Winner of the 2003 Kenyon Review Prize in Poetry, Randall Mann, will read from his book *Complaint in the Garden* on Thursday, October 28, at 7:30 PM in Philomathesian Hall. A native of San Francisco, Mann was born in Provo, Utah and has had his works published in such magazines as *The New Republic*, *The Paris Review*, and *Salmagundi*.

THEOLOGY LECTURE

Dr. Arthur Dewey, a renowned theologian, radio host and author, will answer the question "Would Jesus make good presidential timber?" in a lecture to take place on Nov. 1 at 7:00 PM in Kenyon College's Rosse Hall auditorium.

Dr. Dewey, the author of several books, including *Spirit and Letter in Paul* and *The Word in Time*, has studied the historical Jesus and the Gospels extensively. He holds a Th. D from Harvard University, and has been a Professor of Theology at Xavier University for 24 years.

Dr. Dewey is also the co-founder of the *Healing Deadly Memories* program, a project which addresses the question of anti-Semitism in the New Testament, and co-chair of the Bible in Ancient and Modern Media group of the Society of Biblical Literature.

The Nov. 1 lecture will be followed by a reception in Peirce Lounge. A discussion on the implications of the historical Jesus, which will examine the issues presented in the Nov. 1 lecture, will be held at 11:00 am in Peirce Lounge on Nov. 2. All events are free and open to the public.

ALUMNI BLUEGRASS BAND CONCERT

King Wilkie, recent winners of the International Bluegrass Music Association's emerging artist of the year award, will perform this Friday, October 29th, at 10 PM in Rosse Hall. This event was sponsored by the Social Board and features what alumni Reid Burgess, promises will be "a night of good music."

-Ted Hornick

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KENYON FILM SOCIETY WEEKLY PREVIEW

Suspiria (1977)

Friday, 8:00 PM

Higley Auditorium

Nicknamed "the Italian Hitchcock," Dario Argento's work shows the legendary director's influence, but his style is much more than just a rehash of Hitchcock's work. Argento's ability to fuse vivid color and sound while eliciting truly terrified acting performances makes him a pioneer in the horror genre. While he may be best known as the producer and composer for the original *Dawn of the Dead*, Argento's best and most characteristic work comes from his directorial works, such as *Deep Red*, *Inferno*, and *Opera*. Hitchcock's influence is seen in *Suspiria*, a film that is still terrifying from start to finish almost thirty years after its creation. For fans of the horror genre, there are few films that can top it.

American Suzy Bannion (Jessica Harper) heads to Europe to attend a famous ballet school. The night she arrives, a brutal double murder is committed in the school. Suzy finds herself unable to escape the effects of this event, and as subsequent horrors exact themselves on the school (deaths and other gruesome

events), she and her friend Sara try to uncover the mystery surrounding their school. They interrogate local historians and their teachers for clues. In the end, they have to fight for their lives while uncovering the supernatural truth.

Argento's *Suspiria* is simply years ahead of its time, and still stands as one of the best and most startling horror films ever made. It is visceral and unforgiving to its characters, making the already tense death sequences even more difficult to watch. Argento uses an old color filtration process to bring each scene to life, with red and green hues adding depth and atmosphere to every scene. Argento's self-composed score, which was blasted on set to terrify the performers, keeps the viewer locked into their seat as it kicks up and down in the background. In all, Argento keeps his viewers on the edge of their seats and in gross anticipation of every vile, twisted turn in his undisputed masterpiece, *Suspiria*.

Ginger Snaps (2000)

Saturday, 8:00 PM

Higley Auditorium

What could possibly inspire Kenyon Film Society to screen a low-rent, direct-to-video,

Canadian teen B-movie next to *Suspiria*, a horror legend? On the surface, it seems rather mindless—a cheap rip-off of *Carrie* that swaps supernatural powers for lycanthropy. The truth is that director John Fawcett and screenwriter Karen Walton take the overdone and largely uninteresting teen werewolf film and give it a remarkable amount of depth and intelligence.

Ginger (Katharine Isabelle) and Brigitte (Emily Perkins) are fifteen year old sisters with a fixation on death and gore that sets them apart in their small town of Bailey Downs. They want nothing to do with their town and repeat as an oath to one another "out by sixteen or dead in the scene." Neither has begun their period, an event they liken to a "curse," and when Ginger receives this curse another is forced upon her via a violent werewolf attack. After, Ginger is confused by her body and desires; are these simply the changes that come naturally from undergoing puberty, or is there a darker force at work within her?

Ginger's lycanthropy is really more a disease than a curse; as she slips deeper and deeper into her werewolf nature, she starts becoming more and more obsessed

with her (blood)lust, transferring the disease to the unsuspecting Jason. Brigitte tries desperately to bring her sister out of this destructive phase, reading up on her werewolf folklore and enlisting the help of a local drug dealer Sam, who tries to come up with an antidote for Ginger's malady. When Ginger finally snaps, as the title would indicate, she snaps in a bloody frenzy that leaves only her sister in her path.

Within the seemingly simple plot of *Ginger Snaps*, Walton and Fawcett create a large, vastly interesting set of subplots. The running theme of sisterhood changes as Brigitte watches her sister change into a monster, both literally and socially, and is forced to both support her and try to control her madness. The relationships within are uncharacteristically well-defined, particularly the alienation felt by both daughters toward their mother, Pam (Mimi Rogers). *Ginger Snaps* is an odd coming-of-age story, showing the transition from girl to woman as bloody, frustrating, and eventually tragic.

-Brian Schiller

PREMIERE THEATRES

Listings for the week of:
Friday October 22nd through
Thursday October 28th

Raise Your Voice, PG,
107 minutes

Oct. 16 & Oct. 17 @ 12:30 &
2:40

Oct. 15 & Oct. 18-Oct. 21 @
4:50, 7:00 & 9:20

Friday Night Lights, PG-13,
118 minutes

Oct. 16 & Oct. 17 @ 1:30

Oct. 15 & Oct. 18-Oct. 21 @
4:30, 7:00 & 9:30

Shark Tale, PG, 91 minutes

Oct. 16 & Oct. 17 @ 1:00, 1:20,
3:00 & 3:20

Oct. 15 & Oct. 18-Oct. 21 @
5:00, 5:20, 7:00, 7:20, & 9:00

Team America: World Police,
R, 105 Minutes

Oct. 16 & Oct. 17 @ 12:15, 2:30

Oct. 15 & Oct. 18-Oct. 21 @
4:45, 7:10, & 9:30

Ladder 49, PG-13, 115 minutes

Oct. 16 & Oct. 17 @ 12:20 &
2:40

Oct. 15 & Oct. 18-Oct. 21 @
5:00, 7:20 & 9:40

The Forgotten, PG, 104 minutes

Oct. 15 & Oct. 18-Oct. 21 @
9:30

Taxi, PG-13, 97 minutes

Oct. 16 & Oct. 17 @ 12:30 &
2:40

Oct. 15 & Oct. 18-Oct. 21 @
4:50, 7:10 & 9:20

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Mos Def's New record is full of sex, blues and *Danger*

A charismatic and brilliant street poet ends his five year hiatus, but is the Black Star still shining?

BY JOSEPH FREEMAN
Staff Writer

"O my lord/ What a morning/
O my lord/ What a feeling when
Jack Johnson/Turned Jim Jeffries
snow-white face to the ceiling."
These are the words of the African
American poet William Warren
Cuney, describing the emotion felt
by those who witnessed the black
boxer Jack Johnson destroy the
"Great White Hope" Jim Jeffries on
Independence day, July 4, 1910.

I am not sure whether or not
the smooth-voiced lyricist Mos Def
has ever read this poem. Yet I am
positive he has heard of the Jack
Johnson and been truly inspired by
the man's accomplishments, for his
recently formed band with which
he has recently released his second
album rocks out under the name
"Black Jack Johnson."

Def's latest musical endeavor is
called *The New Danger* (Geffen) and
is probably the most interesting—
which doesn't necessarily mean
good—hip-hop album of the year
so far, if you could even call it a
hip hop album. Indeed, Mos Def
only actually raps on about half the
album, spending a considerable
amount of track time exploring the
limits and abilities of his singing
voice.

The album opener, "The Boogie
Man Song," sets the tone for the
whole album, as Mos Def establishes
himself as a credible singer with a
style that sounds like a whispering
wail. The track has only one verse,
yet Mos Def glides over it with ease,
singing his introduction, "I am, the
most beautiful boogie man/Let me be
your favorite nightmare/Close your



www.mosdefinitely.com

Mos Def's most recent album, *The New Danger*, mixes genres while rocking out.

eyes and I'll be right there." The
track works excellently, defining in
song that cliché expression: short
and sweet.

Mos doesn't let us relax for
long, however, and anyone who
thought the album was going to be
a swing in the hammock is quickly
corrected when track two comes on.
"Freaky Black Greetings" is a stark
contrast to the pleasant intro Mos
gave us before, as it slams some
heavy metal chords down while
Mos screams the name of his band
repeatedly. We infer that Mos Def is
not playing nice. Remember, Black
Jack Johnson is a rock band at heart.
And Mos Def is the star. There are
similar tracks on the album, and
they sound like they *want* to be
rock songs, not that they actually
are rock songs.

The success and beauty of
the album lies in songs that don't
"rock" at all, such as the blues style
track "Blue Black Jack," a tribute
to the fighter whom the band is
named after. Mos Def sings his
admiration for Johnson with the
words, "Black Jack was a fightin'
man/Black Jack was a mighty man."
Mos is perfect over the traditional

Blues guitar riff, and one wonders
momentarily whether he might have
been born more than a few decades
ago in the Mississippi Delta and
been transported to us through
time. Indeed, the legendary and
mysterious Robert Johnson is
credited with inventing the very riff
upon which Mos Def's voice rings.

From the boxer to the blues man
to the band's name, there seems to be
a noticeable emphasis on the name
"Johnson" in this album. Could
there be a connection? Maybe Mos
Def himself is named Johnson in
real life? A quick check at the liner
notes disproves the whole theory, as
I learned to my dismay that Mos Def
goes by Dante Smith on paper.

The Blues nuance is felt again
in the track "The Panties," a song
that encapsulates the yearning felt
in Muddy Waters' "Long Distance
Call." Easily the best track on the
album, the song starts slowly and
silently, with Mos singing to his
woman, "Don't wanna be nowhere
but here/Nowhere in this atmo-
sphere.../baby slow down, take
your time, we gonna be here for a
while."

He captures that feeling of

closeness with another human being,
that physical prelude to everything
else which might as well last forever.
But as the beat brilliantly drops, the
foreplay is over, and, with a rhythm
made by the sound of clapping hands
Mos turns up the intensity, moaning,
"Oooh Baby! You make me feel so
good!" Then, as quickly as it all
came, it leaves, and the clapping
disappears. We are left with Mos
whispering the words that begin the
song. It's all done within a few min-
utes, but no one cares. The whole act
of making love in one track, what
more could we ask of music?

At the end of the musical day,
Mos Def is a rapper, not a rocker, and
while his hip-hop tracks don't neces-
sarily stand out, some of his most
pleasing lyrics are hidden within
them. On "Grown Man Business,"
Mos comes back to hip-hop and let
us know he definitely still has the
skills that made him famous.

In lines reminiscent of his clas-
sics, the rapper declares, "Searchin'
for the truth leapin' through the holy
tablets/ The Bible, The Koran, and
the Ten Crack Commandments/ Speak
on it God, what's today's
mathematics?/ The five-day forecast
the Dow Jones Average/ The price
of beer, cigarettes, bread, milk and
pampers/ Life is a test and we all got
the answer."

On "Modern Marvel," a ten-
minute track on which Mos spends
the first half softly singing a painful
ballad to a female in his life about
his everyday troubles, then breaks
out into an upbeat rhythm sampling
Marvin Gaye's soulful crooning on
"Mercy, Mercy, Me."

The song is Mos's hip-hop trib-
ute to the message in Gaye's famous

song, as he remarks "If Marvin was
alive now, wow, what would I say to
him/ Where could I start/ How could
I explain to him/ I know the modern
world would probably look strange
to him/ Would he feel life today had a
place for him/ Global imprisonment,
sickness, indifference/ When he said
save the babies was we listenin'/?/
When he said Mercy Mercy did he
really know/ Decades later we'd still
be killin' folk."

After listening to all nineteen
tracks, there is an evident lack of
consistency apparent in the album.
Some tracks are too short, and some
are just too long. Some have Mos
Def's vocals drowning out the capa-
bilities of his band, and some leave
you wanting more of him on a track.
This lack of clarity is perhaps clear-
est on the track sampling Marvin
Gaye. The song is enjoyable and
Mos rhymes incredibly, but if you
are going to sample Marvin Gaye,
you had better make the song the
most mesmerizing and galvanizing
on the whole album. You don't have
kryptonite and not use it on Super-
man, do you?

Overall, one wishes Mos Def
would choose an angle of attack. Is
it blues, rock, or hip-hop? Or rather,
is it Mos Def or Black Jack Johnson?
Without some direction it runs the
risk of just being a highly musical
mix-tape. Yet with all the inconsis-
tency, *The New Danger* still stands
out beautifully against most bland
and predictable hip hop permeating
the radio and the CD shelves. Climb
aboard this ship skippered by Mos
Def with his crew Black Jack, and
leave your expectations shore-side.
I promise you will remember the
ride.

Second City is still first in quality comedy skits

The legendary comedy troupe comes to Kenyon and delivers a knock-out performance and more than enough silliness for our school

BY JOHNNY SADOFF
Staff Writer

Imagine just for a moment a
Chicago couple, Richard and De-
nise, at each others throats. Denise
doesn't think Richard listens very
well because he doesn't understand
that when she says, "Max and Joan
just returned from a fantastic vaca-
tion in Mexico," she really means,
"Why won't you take me on a ro-
mantic vacation?" When he says,
"Let's go on a romantic vacation
somewhere none of our friends
have been," it sounds to her like
"Let's go somewhere none of our
friends will see us so they won't
see how fat I've gotten."

We've all been there. The
lack of communication between a
man and a woman is nothing new
to a generation brought up reading
*Men are from Mars, Women are
from Venus*. Relationships have
always been a source of great
comedy. But we have never been
as close to watching the true nature
of our relationships as when we
watch *The Second City*.

The *Second City*, a seminal
comedy troupe named after Chi-

cago's inferiority complex, cele-
brated its 45th anniversary in Rosse
Hall on October 19th. Founded at
the University of Chicago, the six-
person ensemble has spawned the
careers of such notable comedians
as Bill Murray, John Belushi, Mike
Myers and Chris Farley.

The night was a celebration
of almost half a century of the
company's efforts, and *The Sec-
ond City* certainly had a lot of
material to work with—enough to
warrant an intermission, in which
a disembodied voice urged Kenyon
students to "intermiss."

In a 90-minute show, the
Second City presented the audi-
ence with hilarious, often over-
the-top scenarios. Mixing sketch
and improvisational comedy, the
Second City showed with witty
delight the funny nature of hu-
man relationships. Ranging from
the dysfunctional couple, Richard
and Denise, to the 1950s couple,
whose love song kept changing
throughout the course of their
romantic evening, *Second City's*
show managed to keep jokes from
several decades ago fresh and rel-
evant—and above all, funny.

If the reaction from the rest
of the audience, who almost filled
Rosse Hall, was anything to go
by, *The Second City* merely gets
better with age. This performance
was something of a greatest hits
compilation.

Although it was only a six-
member ensemble, the audience at
times felt like there was a circus up
there. At one point in the show, cast
members switched from character
to character in such rapid succes-
sion that you couldn't help but feel
you were watching a magnificent
display of fireworks bursting out
in a colorful scene of hilarious
observations.

The pinnacle of the perfor-
mance was a series of blackouts. A
rapid-fire onslaught of several-sec-
ond sketches from over the years,
the collection of blackouts was the
equivalent of being told five to ten
very funny jokes in succession. A
woman looks over a piece of paper
and asks her husband, "What do
you think about this abortion bill?"
the husband staring directly at the
audience, pauses for a moment.
Deliberates with a squinting of
the eye, and answers "pay it."

Blackout.

A woman in arm cast ap-
proaches a man at a bus stop, wear-
ing a superhero costume. She asks
the man, "Why are you wearing that
costume?" He answers, "I'm a super-
hero." The woman replies "Oh yeah?
What's your superpower?" The man
replies, "Apathy. I can fly but choose
not to." The woman replies, "You
know that's really annoying, because
just last week, I was mugged at this
very bus stop." The man answers,
"Oh yeah, I saw that." Blackout.
These are the comedic gems that
made *Second City's* punchy and
snappy humor work.

Second City was at its most
witty when examining the hilari-
ous relationship we have with our
parents. As parent's weekend re-
cently ended, it is only appropri-
ate to mention this anecdote from
the show. In one of the sketch
comedies, a boy (played by a 30
year-old man) tells his parents he's
going out with his friends to see the
baseball game.

Before he can go, his mother
asks him to decide whether he
loves his father or mother more.
At first he decides he loves his

father more. Than his mother
reminds him of childbirth and
how she carried and nurtured him
in her body. He changes his mind
— and decides that he loves his
mother more. The scene quickly
escalates into an absurd argument
over saving fish. We've all been
there, haven't we?

With sophisticated and ironic
undertones, *The Second City* ex-
posed with poignant observation
the ways we often interact with
one another. We can relate to the
man that can't communicate with
his wife, the child that can't com-
municate with his parents, or the
powers we have but don't exercise
— these all resonate with us on
some level, albeit some distant
comedic level.

While *The Second City* was
quite entertaining, in the words
of junior, Rubin Miller, "*Second
City* was not as funny as Kenyon's
own standup comedy group, *Two
Drink Minimum*, but it was damn
close." So if you missed *The
Second City*, check out *Two Drink
Minimum's* political show at 10:
15 PM on Monday, November
1st in Philander's Pub in Peirce.

Lords impress parents with victory vs Earlham

Team shines in Saturday afternoon shelling of Earlham College, then beats Oberlin, 2-1, on Wednesday



Kevin Guckes

Junior Henry Costas fights off his opponent and races for the ball in a recent home game. The Lords are now 3-15 after beating Oberlin on Wednesday evening in their last home game of the season.

BY SARA KAPLOW
Sports Editor

On a day dedicated to honoring seniors on the men's soccer team, the Lords pulled off a shutout win against Earlham College which included a senior goal and three senior assists. Seniors Jonathan Pratt and Josh Marshall racked up the statistical tallies to bring the team's record to 2-15 overall and 1-6 in the NCAC, records which they would quickly improve.

The game went scoreless for most of the first half until Pratt found the net off of a deflected shot in minute 37. What would prove to be the winning shot of the game was also Pratt's first of the season. "It was a blast," said Pratt. "To score a goal and hear the crowd. Whoever doesn't want to score should get their head examined and be restricted from walking onto the field."

His moment of glory was followed quickly by junior Robert Schrock's goal in the 39th minute, which was the last score of the half. The second goal of the game was also Marshall's second assist. For the team, which had scored

only six goals in the first half all season, the early domination of the Quakers was crucial.

In the second half, the defense stepped up in order to ensure the shut-out. They held Earlham to a meager six shots on goal, making sophomore goalie Rob McMillan's job a little easier, although he was credited three saves and the shut-out win.

The effort of the defense was aided by the Lords' third goal, in what was only the second time the team had scored more than one goal in a game. Marshall again assisted a teammate to the goal, as junior Henry Costas put it into the net with 15:24 left in the game. "The result in the game against Earlham was a reflection of this team's character," said Pratt. "We have struggled to get wins for the entire season. On Saturday, our optimism turned into reality."

The victory was a welcomed change, as the team looked to recover from a 2-1 loss to Ohio Wesleyan University the previous Wednesday. The game was marked by a vast difference in attempts on goal, as OWU outshot the Lords

22-5. The relatively low score was a testament to McMillan, who was starting in only his second game of the season and put up eight saves.

"In the last four or five games, we played extremely well, but the results didn't seem to go in our favor," said Marshall, who scored his first goal of the season against the Bishops. "The game against Earlham was a victory we felt we were due for."

The team was able to use the energy from the win to defeat Oberlin in their last home game on Wednesday, with a final score of 2-1. Junior Rubin Miller and Marshall each had goals in the Lords' first consecutive wins this season.

As a finale, the Lords will take on Wabash College at 2 p.m. on Oct. 30. With their first NCAC win coming this late in the season, the team hopes to make an impression in its last game. "Each player has stepped it up, and with our first conference win behind us, we can take this momentum into our final match of the season," said Marshall.

FPD and Team Wolf to meet in IM soccer final

BY ERIC FITZGERALD
Sports Editor

In the midst of an autumn season when the Yankees and Red Sox have reminded us all of what rivalries mean, a new rivalry seems to be emerging in intramural soccer. On one side, Team Wolf, known on campus as a "dynasty," and on the other, FPD, a group of about 22 players who gather on a near-daily basis to play soccer.

The two sides have clashed twice in the past week. After Wolf put FPD on the brink of elimination with a 2-1 victory last Wednesday, Oct. 21, FPD bounced back Saturday with a 4-3 win on Gambier's Community Fields.

The teams' recent meetings have been in the Fall Semester Intramural Soccer Tournament. Each team has lasted through the double-elimination format, but neither has any more room for error. Had Wolf beaten FPD in Saturday's match, they would have earned their intramural championship T-shirts and celebrated their three-peat, since they had already beaten FPD in the tournament. FPD, riding the momentum of its recent win, now has its sights set on some free merchandise. This weekend's meeting between the two teams will be the championship.

Sophomore Jesse Rosenbluth is FPD's captain. He believes his team has a good chance of earning the intramural championship.

"They play good soccer. We can play better soccer when we want to," Rosenbluth said.

Team Wolf also has some confidence in its ability to play the game, seeing as they have won the championship for two years running. Senior Josh Venter is not deterred by the team's most recent meeting with FPD.

"I expect both teams to come

out and give it 100 percent. They know they've beaten us and we know we've beaten them," Venter said. "I'm going to guarantee a win, because the better team usually does win."

Although there are nine teams signed up for the season, only four sides regularly showed up for games. Besides Team Wolf and FPD, the most consistent teams were the Red Rumped Sloths and Homeland Security. Sloths senior captain Nick Westervelt and his team ended the season with a win against Homeland Security in the losers' bracket.

"As the captain of a constantly ebbing and flowing team, I don't see our goal to be winning or showing a knowledge of soccer, but instead I see my mission as coach to be one of fostering togetherness, teamwork and mockery of college sports culture," Westervelt said. "With our constant slapping of butts, lack of fans and mass imbibition of Powerade, we are able to achieve that goal."

This year's intramural competition featured only one league, as opposed to years past when there was an 'A League' and a less-competitive 'B League.' Still, Rosenbluth believes the intramural spirit offers a good alternative to varsity sports and fosters some serious competition among players.

"[Intramural soccer] is competitive and really fun. Kids not playing varsity soccer can still give it their all," Rosenbluth said. "We've brought a lot of kids together and made a tight group. It's still about winning for us, too."

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OWU sneaks past Lords with fourth-quarter surge

The Lords engage in close game with Bishops, eventually fall 30-24; return home with hopes of finishing 4-6

BY JON SESSIONS
Staff Writer

Excitement returned to the Kenyon sidelines Saturday as the Lords' football team played one of its most competitive games of the season, eventually falling to the Battling Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan University by the slim margin of 30-24.

Though Kenyon never led, the Lords continuously clawed away at the Bishops lead and when sophomore tailback Alby Coombs graced the endzone with just eight minutes left on the clock, the teams had drawn even, 24-24. However, Kenyon once again fell

first period was another score registered. This time Kenyon tallied on a twelve-yard scoring toss from senior Nick Stalick to first-year Rafael Sanchez. After first-year John Currier's extra point, the score was knotted at seven.

The second quarter was more of the same, as both teams showed brief signs of offensive prowess but relied on their staunch defenses. The Bishops broke the tie on their first big play of the game, a 49-yard ramble by fullback Nick Rice. Once again, the Lords responded by piecing together a lengthy crusade deep into Ohio Wesleyan territory only to settle

24-17 lead on Indiciani's touchdown early in the fourth quarter. With their backs against the wall, the purple and white again pieced together a long, time-consuming drive that lasted eleven plays, covered 83 yards of turf and spanned over five minutes of game time. This time it was Coombs who capped it off as he dove into the end zone from a yard out, and after Currier's extra point, the board read 24-24, with eight minutes to go.

It was on Ohio Wesleyan's next possession that Indiciani broke through the Kenyon defensive line, linebacker corps and secondary on his game-winning 59-yard touchdown.

The Lords matched the Bishop's numbers reasonably well, though Ohio Wesleyan had a slight advantage in most statistical categories. The Bishops' offense racked up 443 yards on the day, 395 of which were on the ground, while Kenyon managed just 315.

Coombs again had a big game for the Lords, rushing for 140 yards and a touchdown on 36 carries. He now stands at 942 yards for the year. Sanchez continued his impressive debut season with two touchdowns, one as a receiver and the other on a scramble as he was playing quarterback in the second half.

Defensively, the Lords showed a bit of improvement.

Freshman linebacker Mike Chase led the team with thirteen tackles and also forced an OWU fumble. The young Kenyon secondary was not tested often, but their performance Saturday showed that they have made strides. Of the nine passes attempted by the Bishops, only two were complete for a total of 48 yards.

With only three games left in the season and only one mark in the win column, the season outlook looks bleak. However,

we can all take solace in the fact that the Lords have trudged through the most difficult part of their schedule, and their final three games are against susceptible foes: Earlham College, Hiram College and Denison University. Head coach Ted Stanley and his team have their eyes on a final record of 4-6. Let's all help them build momentum this Saturday as the Lords battle the Quakers of Earlham College at McBride Field.

Quarter	1	2	3	4	F
Kenyon	7	3	7	7	24
Ohio Wesleyan	7	7	3	13	30

victim to the big play, as Eric Indiciani scored again for OWU on a 59-yard run, putting the Bishops on top for good.

The game began with Kenyon slyly attempting an onside kick, which backfired as the Bishops recovered and began their first possession at the Kenyon 49 yard line. From there it took only seven plays to notch the first touchdown of the game and give OWU an early 7-0 lead.

The two teams then traded possessions as both offenses tried to settle into a groove. Not until the closing seconds of the

for a twenty-yard field goal by Currier with just over ten minutes remaining in the half to bring the Lords within four, 14-10.

The Bishops built on their lead early in the third period on a twenty-yard field goal after Kenyon's defense stood strong on a goal line stance. Refusing to let the game get out of their reach, Kenyon bounced back once again, this time on a five-yard scoring scramble by Sanchez, then playing quarterback, to draw even, 17-17.

Again, Ohio Wesleyan was the first to break the tie, taking a



Kevin Gucken

Sophomore Carlin Shoemaker watches as his teammate drives the ball past the opposition in a recent game.

Regular season comes to close at NCAC meet

BY ANNE POMEROY
Staff Writer

This weekend the Lords and Ladies cross country teams will be competing for NCAC Conference Champion honors at Allegheny College, where both teams raced earlier in the season. The Lords and Ladies will be going into the race on different terms, however. The Lords have not performed to their abilities, due in part to injuries to key runners. The Ladies, however, have made a big splash this season, consistently finding themselves in the top three in the conference and making considerable progress every week.

The Lords go into NCAC Championships as defending champions. They will send twelve runners for the 8k race. This year they hope to finish within the top two teams, their main objective being to outrun rival Allegheny. Another source of motivation for the Kenyon men is that for the past five consecutive seasons the Lords have finished within the top two at conference. Not wanting to break this trend will surely spur on the men towards what they hope will be their top performance as an entire team this season.

Last year the team had not collectively raced its best until

NCAC due to many injuries. However, they surprised everyone with their winning performance. This year the Lords have faced some of the same challenges.

"Last year we had some problems. We hadn't really all raced together, but going in we surprised everyone. So I think this year, if we have a race where everyone is on at once, then we could finish really well," senior captain Tyler Newman said.

Because the team has struggled this season, most other teams in NCAC have not included them as a team to look out for this weekend. If anything, this will help the Lords perform to the best of their ability.

"People aren't really considering us, they're looking more at Ohio Wesleyan and Allegheny, but that's definitely motivating to us because we really don't want to lose to those two teams, especially Allegheny," Newman said.

As for the Ladies, they continue to be on a roll week after week. Hopefully this will continue with the conference meet, which the team placed third at last year. Their hopes for the tourney were described by sophomore Julia Plonowski who said, "I think we can definitely place within the top three, and hopefully beat Denison, which would be really great."

The Ladies will have to watch out for Allegheny and Denison,

who are ranked eleventh and seventeenth in the nation, respectively. The Ladies have shown in their last two races that they can go head to head with both of these teams.

Head coach Duane Gomez talked about the team's ability with excitement, saying that he thinks that "the women are the most dangerous team in the NCAC. The Ladies are still peaking and coming together as a team. If all of the women were able to race to their potential on the same day, they would be a top twenty nationally ranked team and could upset both Allegheny and Denison. But they would all have to race out of their minds to accomplish that."

Besides looking for a top three performance, Gomez hopes to have five of the Ladies make the All-NCAC team. The team also will look to the number six through eight runners for an additional boost in the overall standings. The team should be helped by the return of senior Jen Quinby who will compete this weekend after time spent nursing an injury.

After seasons on opposite ends of the spectrum, the Lords and Ladies cross-country teams look to come together with their best performances yet.



Kevin Gucken

The Lords run past Olin Library in preparation for the NCAC Conference Championships. The team, along with their Lady counterparts, will compete at the tournament this weekend at Allegheny College.

Ladies making bid to be NCAC champs

Ladies upset Wittenberg in overtime, 2-1

BY MICK REYNOLDS
Managing Editor

Junior forward Molly Mickinack's first goal of the 2004 campaign could not have come at a better time for the Kenyon College Ladies Field Hockey team. In a fierce battle with the Tigers of Wittenberg University, the top-ranked team in the North Coast Athletic Conference, the Ladies got some much needed help from Mickinack to propel them into an overtime victory against the Tigers. Declawing the Tigers this past weekend improved the Ladies record to 12-3 overall, 8-3 in the NCAC, and pulled them to within a half a game of the Tigers in conference standings.

With a standing-room-only crowd of parents and students alike, the Ladies took the field last Saturday afternoon looking for revenge, after suffering a 5-0 loss to the Tigers in their first meeting of the season, Sept. 29. After avenging two early season losses to Ohio Wesleyan University and Denison University, there was one team left in the NCAC the Ladies had not beaten. Aside from that, the Ladies had not beaten the Tigers since 1997, a span stretching almost fifteen games. Getting the Tigers away from their home turf advantage, the Ladies knew they had a shot.

"We knew it would be much tougher for them here," said junior Kate Flinner.

With the crowd behind them and more than enough motivation, the Ladies went to work on the defensive side of the ball first. "We had to neutralize their two best players," said Flinner, who helped lead the defense for the Ladies. The Tigers' senior tandem of Blair Ufer and Julia Wickham have terrorized defenses across the league and have been ranked first and third, respectively, in total points and goals so far this season.

For their part, the Ladies defense did a wonderful job of stopping Ufer and Wickham, holding them to a combined four shots. None of those shots went for goals. The

Tigers, who average 4.5 goals per game, were stymied by the Ladies defense most of the afternoon.

Sophomore Katy Barrett scored the lone goal for the Tigers at the fourteen minute mark in the first half, and that remained the score for the next 45 minutes of play until Mickinack's goal evened things out.

Offensively, persistence paid off for the Ladies on Saturday. Although they were held scoreless throughout the first half, the Ladies outshot the Tigers 23-9 for the game, as well as holding a 12-1 advantage in penalty corners. As the second half was winding down, the Ladies found themselves needing to convert one of their many opportunities to stay in contention.

Then Mickinack took center stage. Off a feed from senior Liz Aragona, Mickinack found the back of the goal with about eight minutes to go in regulation, sending the crowd into a frenzy. The goal, Mickinack's first of the season, gave the Ladies the momentum they needed going into overtime.

Although they needed two overtimes to claim three games in the season, the Ladies only needed seven overtime minutes to dispose of the Tigers. Aragona once again found the open Lady, which happened to be sophomore Julia Sivon, who ended the Tigers' seven year dominance over the Ladies. The goal was Sivon's seventh of the season as well as Aragona's seventh assist of the season. The NCAC honored Aragona as the NCAC Player of the Week for her two-assist afternoon.

With two games left to play in the NCAC, the Ladies look to finish strong, having already assured themselves of a place in the end of the season tournament. The Ladies will host the struggling Earlham College Quakers, who come in with a record of 0-15, on Saturday at 1 p.m. The Quakers will be the last team the Ladies face before NCAC Tournament games slated for Nov. 3 and Nov. 6.



Kevin Guikes

Sophomore Calloway Scott and senior Everett Hayes do their best to snag the disc this past weekend. Despite the Saturday morning hail, FRED, Kenyon's annual frisbee tournament went smoothly. In the end, Kenyon's own team, named Serf, finished in third place out of eleven teams. The tents in the background reflect one of the tournament's traditions — that of camping out on the fields between days of competition.

SPORTS COMMENTARY

Why our football team struggles

BY D.D. CARDEN AND
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The 2004 Kenyon College football roster features 41 players, and 27 of that group have come to attend school in Ohio from out of state. On the 98-player Wooster roster, only 27 players hail from out of state. On the 68-player Ohio Wesleyan football roster, only eleven come from out of state. On the 124-player Wittenberg roster, only 21 players are not from Ohio. These teams compete with Kenyon in the NCAC conference. Evidently, Kenyon's program struggles to stock its roster with Ohio's abundant high school talent.

Since 1999, Kenyon's football team has produced a record of eight wins and 42 losses. The student body has come to expect a lopsided result to most games before the first snap. Despite this unbalanced record, our Lords are overachievers, burdened by a collection of disadvantages. The team contends with a perpetually small roster, a relatively light overall physique, and Kenyon's strict academic standards.

"We have a team of forty kids," head coach Ted Stanley said, "and ideally we'd have a team of sixty to eighty."

Athletic Director Peter Smith suggested "once you see these numbers, you have much more angst over student welfare than performance."

Despite the uphill battle to compete in the NCAC, Kenyon refuses to subordinate its academic standards to the want for powerful recruits. In its maintenance of scholastic integrity, Kenyon naturally disables itself from schools who accept students on entirely athletic merits.

"While other schools in the

conference have lowered academic standards, Kenyon has not and should not," Stanley emphasized in regards to the College's prestigious academic status.

"The other teams in our conference don't have to meet the academic requirements that we do," agreed defensive lineman John McBride '05. "I don't feel especially connected to Ohio football."

The limiting circumstances of Kenyon's numbers have not wholly prevented signs of improvement, though. This year marks the first in recent history in which the team has been able to establish players on either offense or defense specifically, a relief from the ironman ball fielded in past years. Junior wide receiver Andrew Hammack added, "It's a luxury having enough capable players to settle into individual positions."

The growth of the program, though, depends on more than the football players alone. Diversity on campus will attract a wider berth of players. The sport itself is not properly appreciated here at Kenyon: in this small selection of America's privileged. The sports that are not stifled so profoundly by the lack of diversity are the traditionally upper-class sports, which also happen to be individual competitions.

The relative individuality of sports like swimming, tennis, and golf allow them to thrive within the budget constraints of the athletic department, as well, since the sheer team size and required equipment for football is monumentally more demanding. Football, however, is not intended on this campus as a means to attract a minority population.

"It's trite to say that football is the path to economic diversity at Kenyon," said Smith. "Football should not be the main vehicle."

Kenyon's focus remains re-

moved from the atmosphere that surrounds great football teams. It is hard to hold a great team in harmony with academics and hard to prevent a hearty roster against a scholastic plunge. Yet, the program is aiming to do just that.

"For any co-curricular activity," said Smith, "once you raise academic numbers the programs become smaller."

The program looks for well-rounded individual athletes, and though the level of play witnessed from players using the creativity and intuition of a capable mind is indeed enjoyable, the realization of an eighty man team of successful student athletes seems realistically quite distant. And so progress will be slow.

"We want to see the team do well in the right context," added Smith.

The attractions of Kenyon are still compelling enough to steer a wide geographic range of athletes to Gambier. One of the team's most thrilling new talents, first-year quarterback Rafael Sanchez of Tavernier, Florida, has not been disappointed by the campus or team. "I really liked the kids on the team and the coaches when I visited, and the campus was beautiful," said Sanchez.

Such additions as the new turf field and the Fitness, Recreation and Athletics facility are undisputed new enticements for the program. However, the process of revitalizing an undermanned, alienated sports team with a long-running history of loss is no afternoon project.

"The notion of Kenyon being a super-power in football is not realistic right now," Smith said. "The important thing is that students attend the games without knowing the outcome beforehand."

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Ladies dismiss the last batch of NCAC competition

The Kenyon Ladies soccer team is keeping their NCAC Tournament hopes alive with hot streak

BY COLIN HODGKINS
Staff Writer

The past few weeks, the Kenyon Ladies have been taking their competition in hand and spanking them across their collective knee as if their competition were bad children.

They did it Saturday, brushing

ated to describe this unheralded, incredible supremacy: "Heehaw (Verb). To score a lot of soccer goals, and meanwhile prevent goals from being scored."

It is pretty clear the Ladies have been repetitiously busting out the "heehaw-stick" lately. It has been against NCAC teams

Brobst sailed perfectly towards Preston, who headed the ball into the goal. Preston has scored on 25.9 percent of her shots this year. Senior Amy Gross scored late in the game to seal it, notching her fifth goal of the year via a beat-down blast.

"The Quakers really didn't have anything for us," first-year Brooke Rockwern, defensive wizard, said. "We dominated them. I never felt like it was a contest."

Rockwern is a crucial member of a defensive unit anchored by a host of first-years and a wise old senior owl named Sarah Kelsey.

"I think we've done our part to give the team a spark," Kelsey said of the team's defense. "The offense has been on point too."

Kelsey has been a big reason the tough-as-nails Ladies have given up an average of 0.56 goals per game this season. Her wisdom has helped guide her young, cocksure counterparts. Her first-year sidekicks include Jean Arnold, Rachel Berkshire, Emma Bradley, and Katy Spear. Together, they've flexed some serious muscle and made the job of first-year goalkeeper Rosemary Davis a lot easier.

Davis had four saves in her sixth shut-out of the season Saturday. The Quakers never got off a serious shot.

"We are playing well right now and our defense has done a tremendous job. They are communicating well, making good decisions, and playing with great confidence," head coach Kelly Walters said. "It's a good time of the season for that all to come together."

The only serious stat on which the Ladies need improving is home attendance. If students need a reminder, the Ladies are 10-5-1 (4-2 NCAC) and are in a solid position to make the NCAC Tournament.

The Ladies traveled Wednesday to Ohio Wesleyan University to wage war against the Battling Bishops. Although OWU currently sits atop the conference standings and recently jumped to seventh in the national Division III rankings, the Ladies have also been playing well.

"Hopefully we will be able to sustain this momentum as we head

to Ohio Wesleyan," Walters said before the match Wednesday.

Heading into the match, the Ladies were tied for third place with Wittenberg. Both teams have twelve points with two games remaining. Allegheny College lurks behind Kenyon in fifth place with nine points. A win against OWU or Wooster would all but ensure the Ladies an appearance in the NCAC post-season.

Wooster is on tap for Saturday, the final game of the regular season. Students should come down to Mavee Field and support one of the College's best teams. Kickoff is at 1:00 p.m.



Elena Fernandez

Senior Sarah Kelsey exhibits her skill and helps to keep the Ladies' momentum going. The team is 10-5-1 overall and 4-2 in the NCAC.

Earlham College off their shoulders like dirt in an easy 2-0 shut-out in front of a Parents' Weekend crowd.

Dating back to Oct. 13, the women's soccer team has posted a whopping 4-0 record and outscored their opponents by a remarkable 17-1 margin.

A new word should be cre-

ated, Oberlin College, Hiram College, Wittenberg University, and Earlham College, respectively, each got a dose of the Ladies' recent blitz.

Senior Heather Preston stung the Earlham Quakers for her team-leading ninth goal of the season early in the second half. A corner kick from sophomore Annie

KC volleyball team takes third

BY JOE FREEMAN
Staff Writer

The Ladies began the Kenyon College Invitational on Friday by tearing two teams apart. They crept by Case Western Reserve University in five separate struggles, 30-21, 29-31, 20-30, 30-25, 15-6. The long match seemed to galvanize the girls as they woman-handled Bluffton College in a cool three sets, 30-17, 30-37, 32-30.

Yet the constant conversation and face-time the Ladies endured with the arrival of their parents that weekend seemed to get to them on Saturday, as they dropped both games and ended up grabbing third place in the Invitational. Indeed, junior captain Katie Walker's mother observed in a post-game parent press conference that her daughter and fellow Kenyon volleyball-bangers "played flat" after losing Saturday morning to Washington & Jefferson College. The Presidents seemed to set aside the current, polarized political environment to polish the Ladies in three

straight 30-23, 30-18, 30-25.

Mrs. Walker dominated the press conference with many of her observations about the morning match, personal, general, and of course, motherly. "As a mom, I thought they played well," said Walker. "They looked really tired and whatever it is, they need to get past it." Mrs. Walker's tough words of advice were met with nods of approval and murmurs of assent by all parents present.

Young Walker had a similar opinion about their sloppy performance against Washington & Jefferson, attributing the loss to a lack of sleep, saying that the team was forced to rise very early on Saturday morning. "We lacked hustle and the energy to bounce back," said Walker. Like mother, like daughter.

Coming off their loss to Washington & Jefferson, the Ladies fared no better against the eventual tournament champions Heidelberg College. The Berg jumped out to a quick lead 2 games to nil, yet the Ladies

sparked what appeared to be a comeback when they snatched the third and switched sides, slapping hands and displaying the optimism that sudden victory spawns. But the Berg broads in Black and Red shut down the rebellion in the fourth, 30-19. Sophomore Sarah Brieschke, who had a combined 61 assists on the weekend, had confidence after the team's apparently disappointing results, remarking that "We gotta be able to put it together better. When we do, nobody can play with us."

Sophomore assassin Patrice Collins crushed her fleeing opponents as usual all weekend, and was selected for a spot on the All-Tournament Team. Sophomore Ashley Miller shoveled 29 digs for the Ladies over the weekend, and freshman Patty Hace, along with Collins, collected a combined 33 kills.

The Ladies, now at 12-15, will try to reach .500 when they play their final round of matches of the regular season on Oct. 30 at The Johns Hopkins University Invitational in Baltimore.

NCAC relays begin the swimming season

BY ERIC FITZGERALD
Sports Editor

Despite its uncanny record of NCAA championships over the past three decades, the Kenyon College Men's and Women's Swimming teams each took a second-place finish behind Denison University in the NCAC relays, Oct. 23, in Gambier.

The Big Red won with scores of 166 and 152, respectively, in the men's and women's competitions. The Lords finished with a score of 156 and the Ladies with a score of 150.

Swim fanatics need not fret this second-place finish. The scoring for the meet featured a couple of quirks that neither team will encounter for the remainder of the season. First, the scoring only counted a team's best finish in each race. Second, the Denison men's team scored 36 points in the diving competition where Kenyon did not compete.

The Lords took first place in the 200-yard medley, the 200-yard backstroke, the 200-yard breaststroke, the 200-yard butterfly, the 1500-yard freestyle, the 400-yard IM medley and the 200-yard freestyle relay. In short, they won seven of the eight races, but Denison's diving score propelled the Big Red to a deceptive first-place finish.

"We're swimming really fast right now, but we can't win any championships until March," senior Russell Hunt said.

One highlight for the men was senior captain Elliot Rushton's time of 4:33 in the first leg of the 1500-yard freestyle. Rushton set a new pool record with the fastest 500-yard time ever swam in the pool.

"It's a great start to the season. I was pretty much surprised that I set a record," Rushton said.

Swimming with Rushton in the competition were first-years Michael Northcutt and Alex Rantz, who helped the Lords secure first place in the event, while Kenyon also placed a team of juniors Chris D'Ardenne and Travis Bremion and senior Will Wakefield in third for

this event. Their third-place finish received no recognition in the final standings given the event's skewed scoring system.

Kenyon claimed the first three finishes in the 200-yard backstroke, but the overall scoring rewarded sixteen points to Wabash for their fourth-place finish while denying Kenyon's second and third finishes any points.

"The final scores don't necessarily give an indication of what's going to happen down the line," assistant coach Amy Williams said. "As far as Kenyon's performances go, we were pretty pleased with the competitive spirit and that's really what we were looking for."

In the women's competition, the Ladies were just two points shy of winning. The Ladies won the 200-yard breaststroke and 400-yard IM relay. The Ladies took second in every other race except the 1,500-yard freestyle, in which a team of first-years finished less than six seconds behind the fast-glance time but third overall behind both Denison and Wooster.

In all but two of the 16 men's and women's races, Kenyon and Denison claimed first and second. The Big Red is certainly one of the more competitive programs that Kenyon will compete in during its 2004 season, but Rushton is not worried about seeing the Big Red in a duel meet.

"I don't think it's as much a rivalry [for the men] as it is for the women. They're a great team, but not much of a real rivalry."

The point system rewarded first-place with 20 points, second place with sixteen, third place with fourteen, and every team thereafter with two points fewer than the ninth-place team who got four.

"We use the meet as a fun meet to kick off the season. We don't look at the final outcome, as much as we look at each individual split to see how [the swimmers are] doing [this year] as opposed to where they were this time last year," Williams said. "We also want to see what the freshmen will bring to the mix."